

Senate Bill 293 - Education, Energy, and the Environment - FAVORABLE

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee;

Please support Senate Bill 293, which would require county Board of Education members to take antibias training during their terms.

We live in a time when rightwing extremist groups are fighting to get bigots onto the Boards of Education, so that they can pass policies that harm Black, Brown, and LGBTQ+ students. While I'm not holding my breath, I would hope that requiring BOE members to take antibias training would make those members think twice, and maybe even provide an opening for them to care about marginalized students. At the very least, the training would help the Board of Education members who care about ALL of the students have a better understanding of what happens in the schools before they vote on policies.

I urge you to give Senate Bill 293 a favorable report. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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