

LD 1343 Sponsors and Co-sponsors, LD 1426 Sponsors and Co-sponsors & Education and Cultural Affairs Members:

Please remove homeschoolers from the language of both LD 1343 and LD 1426. Studies show that private home education is working well. Funding homeschoolers blurs the lines between private and public education, destroys the innovative spirit of the option, will be a breeding ground for fraud, and is bound to introduce into the home the very problems that plague our public schools.

Education Savings Accounts are not savings accounts, but rather social welfare vehicles that as a homeschool mom I want no part of. They would not help, but rather have great potential of poisoning private homeschooling. Too many programs today suffer from sickness caused by our over-governed society. Some would like to deny parents control over their children's schooling and put it in the hands of a professional bureaucracy. When the government established its socialistic school system, the quality and diversity of education was lessened. ESAs open the possibility of fraud as they potentially place the responsibility for approving homeschooling options in the hands of the state. Let's stand together and say NO to government funded home-education.

Sincerely,

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