



**California
Federation of Teachers**

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The Honorable Delaine Eastin, Chair
Assembly Education Committee
State Capitol
P. O. BOX 942849
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Dear Assemblywoman Eastin:

The California Federation of Teachers opposes SB 1448 (Hart).

While we are not opposed to the concept of charter schools, we do have problems with the bill in its present form.

SB 1448 seeks to provide flexibility, but for whom? Tenure and seniority as they exist in districts provide teachers with the freedom they need to experiment.

SB 1448 would separate teachers and classified staff from their connection with districts and essentially turn them into independent contractors. Such a radical move does not seem necessary to achieve the main thrust of the bill.

SB 1448 has no requirement that teachers be credentialed. While our current system of credentialing teachers is far from perfect, the system does ensure that the students of California have teachers who meet certain specified guidelines.

We also believe that all the aims of SB 1448 could be achieved without exempting school districts from state law.

Therefore, we continue to oppose SB 1448.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Director

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