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Testimony Regarding SB 175

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Chairman Brunk and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in opposition to SB 175.

After researching this bill and polling our institutions, we have found that we do not currently have any problems on our campuses that need to be addressed with this bill. This is not something that we have asked for, and we do not see a need for it at this time. We do feel, however, that there may be some unintended consequences if this bill is passed. For instance, the bill would appear to require universities to recognize and fund student organizations that discriminate against protected classes (e.g. on the basis of gender in violation of Title IX), and this could jeopardize eligibility for federal student financial aid.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on SB 175.

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