

Talking points from Glen Branch at NCSE

TALKING POINTS

- * these bills are unnecessary, since state science standards and policies already provide appropriate freedom to science teachers
- * these bills remove accountability and local control, since they would make it impossible for administrators and school boards to restrain maverick teachers
- * these bills would enable members of the community to pressure teachers to miseducate their students
- * these bills are so vague that they would engender unnecessary conflict, and even litigation, over science curriculum and instruction
- * bills like these are opposed by organizations of science teachers, their supposed beneficiaries
- * passage of these bills would harm Oklahoma's reputation in the scientific, technological, and engineering communities, and thus have negative economic impacts

ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSING SUCH BILLS

Oklahomans for Excellence in Science Education
Oklahoma Science Teachers Association
Oklahoma State School Boards Association
Oklahoma Academy of Science
Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administration
Sierra Club, Oklahoma Chapter
National Council Against Censorship
National Association of Biology Teachers
National Association of Geoscience Teachers
National Science Teachers Association
American Institute of Biological Sciences
American Association for the Advancement of Science