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TO: SENATE Education Committee and SENATE J

RE: SB819 Education, Students, Non-Profits. IN STRONG OPPOSITION

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and Members,

As President of Rainbow Family 808, a group of Straight, LGBT families focused on peace and justice through education, we strongly OPPOSE SB819 on behalf of all our families.

As a Social Worker, I can see that this bill has the potential to take advantage of the students in that existing class projects already allow students to select projects that build their knowledge of subjects that interest them. SB 819 would require students to work on and participate in fundraising or charitable activities in conjunction with an organization that is exempt from federal taxes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and registered under section 467B-2.1 or granted an exception from registration under section 467B-11.5, as part of a school project when the fundraising or charitable activities benefit student learning pursuant to criteria established by the department pursuant to chapter 91."

SB 819 forces students to work for organizations that are exempt from federal taxes that are known as non-profit organizations. Taxpayers already support these organizations by exempting them from income taxes and drastically reduced Property Taxes. These organizations can interest adults to work their fund raising events.

Of particular concern is the absence of language within this measure that would require the establishment of fully developed procedures, policies and/or criteria to be used consistently by the principal or the principal's designee to determine the projects that students would be subjected to without any freedom of choice with such projects.

Please REJECT SB819 to protect the integrity of our Public School students.

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