

## ***KRA usefulness debated as part of education “de-reg” legislation***

A wide-ranging de-regulation education bill introduced in Oct. by Senator Matt Huffman (R-Lima) has been subject to great debate as hearings have been held by the Senate Education Committee.

The fourth hearing held to-date focused on proposed elimination of the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA), with both opponents and proponents offering testimony.

KRA supporters say the assessment provides valuable data that informs individual student interventions, while opponents say there are better, more efficient ways to determine which students need additional support.

State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria voiced a number of concerns during his testimony at the third Senate Education Committee hearing on the bill, including those specific to KRA. He told legislators that the assessment is comprehensive and appropriately goes beyond measuring literacy.

DeMaria also shared his concerns regarding provisions of the bill addressing Ohio’s teacher evaluation system, educator and educational aide licensure, state achievement assessments, the College Credit Plus program, and state report cards.

