



My name is Morgan Anderson and I am Intel's Higher Education and Government Affairs Manager in Oregon. Intel, FIRST Robotics, Portland State University and others testified on January 19 to lend support of LC 251, and we are pleased to see that it is progressing forward as HB 4056-2.

During the testimony on January 19, this committee heard how critical a rich background in science, technology, engineering and mathematics is for students entering into the knowledge economy, and you heard many student success stories. I won't reemphasize all those points today. I will tell you that the education and business communities are hungry for better coordination and alignment of STEM education at all levels and are ready to support the goals of this bill. The amendments of this bill will allow for more expertise to participate in the task force, leading to better outcomes. We fully support these amendments and welcome additional legislators, business members and education experts to lend their voices and ideas.

The work occurring in our community is impressive and is making important strides in helping students in their career paths. But we still have a long road ahead of us.

Oregon needs to build a larger STEM community, proliferate best known methods, and provide support to the most successful programs. Intel believes that HB 4056-2 will do this and we urge your support of the bill.