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Vic Gilliam, Co-Chair
Carolyn Tomei, Co-Chair
House Human Services Committee
900 Court St. NE, Room 453
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: HB 4165

Dear Representatives Gilliam and Tomei:

As Dean of the Oregon State University College of Public Health and Human Sciences, I support HB 4165 which will continue to move forward the reforms sought by Governor Kitzhaber to establish a more seamless and effective education system, including unified efforts to address the preparation of children for the K-12 education system.

As you may know, OSU administers a Head Start program affiliated with OSU's Child Development Laboratory, which is a part of the College's new Hallie Ford Center for Healthy Children and Families. As Dean, I believe HB 4165 will go far in advancing child development programs that enable children to progress at rates that fit their needs. In addition, it will encourage institutions to focus on meeting milestones, rather than merely addressing the number of students served.

We have many challenges to meet over the coming years and I believe HB 4165 will provide us with tools that will help us sharpen our focus on those students who are most in need.

Sincerely,

Tammy Bray
Dean

cc: Rep. Lew Frederick, Co-Vice Chair
Rep. Jim Thompson, Co-Vice Chair
Rep. Mitch Greenlick
Rep. Chris Harker
Rep. Julie Parrish
Rep. Jim Weidner