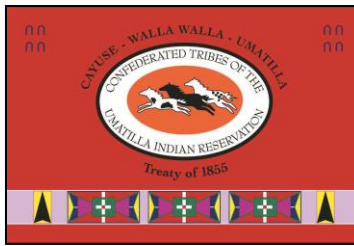


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**Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation
Support House Bill 4134
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Chair Gelser and members of the House Education Committee,

The Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla Tribes have always protected and governed ourselves, as well as regulated our commerce. It is with pride in our heritage and confidence in our future that we declare our sovereignty, recognized by the Treaty of 1855. We are proud of our community and our contribution to the vitality of northeast Oregon.

In 1949, we adopted a written Constitution creating a Board of Trustees elected from the General Council membership. For over 60 years, we have enacted Tribal laws and ordinances, which include codes for water and land use, judicial enforcement, and economic development. We also enter into agreements with the United States, other Indian Tribes, the State of Oregon, local governments, private business organizations, and other entities and individuals.

The CTUIR has a contract with the State of Oregon Education Department Youth Development Division. We want to identify for the record our support for House Bill 4134. The policy direction of targeting youth in communities that need it most is the right one for Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration.

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