

Dear Representatives:

The Board of the Portland Village School, Portland's largest charter school, is in support of section 4 of SB1538, and urges that it be adopted as part of the bill. This section is what makes the bill worth voting for. This equity issue is aligned with the Governor and OEIB's objectives which have prioritized closing the achievement gap for students of color, English language learner, and low-income students, and it would make Oregon's charter schools, including ours, more effective in supporting this goal. We are advocating and encouraging policymakers to support section 4. It will make it possible to ensure our students succeed in schools throughout the State of Oregon.

Sincerely, Ethan Medley President, Board of Directors Portland Village School