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Honorable Margaret Doherty
Chair,
House Education Committee
Oregon House of Representatives
900 Court Street NE, Room 453
Salem, OR 97301

RE: House Bill 2608

Dear Chair Doherty,

On behalf of the Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB), I am writing to offer comment on HB 2608. This legislation would provide for a parent representative and school board member in active service to be appointed to serve on the OEIB.

The OEIB is a strategy-setting board charged with coordinating public education from preschool to postsecondary education to ensure seamless pathways of learning for every student. Parents and K-12 school board leaders from across Oregon are critical partners in every student's success. The OEIB is committed to stronger engagement with parents and school boards, linking their expertise and perspective to the policies, strategies and initiatives developed by the OEIB.

Currently, the Governor serves as Chair of the OEIB, and appoints 12-members subject to confirmation by the Oregon State Senate. The Governor is required to ensure that each congressional district of this state is represented by at least one member of the Board; and is required to solicit recommendations of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate on the appointment of at least 4 members.

We understand that a legislative work group will be convened to develop legislation addressing the future scope and charge of the OEIB. We expect this legislative work group to address the current statutory criteria for who may be appointed to serve on the OEIB.

Sincerely,

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