



March 25, 2015

Chair Margaret Doherty
House Committee on Education
State Capitol Building
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 2967

Dear Chair Doherty and Members of the Committee,

Chalkboard Project's vision is to help lift Oregon's K-12 schools to be among the top ten in the nation as measured by student achievement and educational equity. Focusing on educational equity requires that we work toward ensuring that all Oregon students have equitable opportunity and access to educational attainment. Currently, this is not the case for too many of Oregon's English language learners (ELL).

Chalkboard supports HB 2967, requiring school districts to prepare and file annual reports related to students enrolled in an English as a second language program. Improving the transparency and accountability of ELL funding is critical to inform systemic change and to influence equity in practice, legislation, and policy.

We believe the reporting called for in HB 2967 is one piece of a broader strategy to improve outcomes for ELL students in Oregon. Chalkboard urges your support of HB 2967.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Hildick".

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