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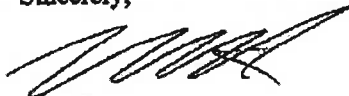
Dear Mr. Greenlick and members of the House Health Care Committee:

As I am unable to be present for testimony today, I am writing to you in support of SB 521. I was able to testify before the Senate Committee last month in support of this bill. I am the Chair of the OSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and former Chair of the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. I am a pediatric sports medicine specialist from Eugene.

The changes in this bill will address current discrepancies between private and public high schools in how an athlete with a suspected concussion is managed, aligning the language with "Max's Law" which has been in effect since 2009. It also specifies which health care providers may return an athlete to play following a suspected concussion. This portion of the bill also aligns it with the OARs written for Max's Law.

Again, my apologies for not being in attendance. Please feel free to contact me if any questions or concerns arise. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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