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OCAPIA Testimony in Support of SB 1564
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Chair Doherty, Vice Chairs Frederick and Sprenger and Senators Barreto, Hack, McLain, Piluso, and Reardon:

The Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs supports SB 1534 as an important step in our long standing interest in granular, accessible data and analysis affecting all English Language Learners including those in the API community statewide.

OCAPIA has consistently pursued state policies through legislation and internal policies within ODE that assure we all keep true to our shared missions of assuring quality education for all Oregonians. As APANO and the wonderful coalition of ELL advocates remind us, the students learning English at the same time they learn all the basics of their educations have the toughest task. There are many ways that those of us who understand the role of policy and intention within state government can help them succeed and providing ODE with the charge to collect, analyze and make available to the public data and reporting regarding the success of ELL students makes good sense. We look to ODE for their expertise and leadership in this area and SB 1534 supports that work.

The Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs joins in solidarity with the with our community partners to urge you to positively consider of SB 1534.

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