



**Oregon Secretary of State
Dennis Richardson**

Testimony on SB 649 and SB 746

Earlier this year, the Secretary of State appointed Kim Sordyl to the State Board of Education. She is a mom of two kids in Portland Public Schools and a former employment law attorney. Kim is a tireless advocate for accountability, transparency, and equitable student outcomes who has exposed multiple instances of financial mismanagement in Portland Public Schools. Kim and Secretary Richardson have worked together to focus scrutiny on student safety, low graduation rates, and the inequitable funding gap and achievement disparity for Students of Color. Oregon's students and parents would benefit from ensuring that the Secretary of State can keep Kim on the Board.

The current State Board of Education is composed of designees from the Governor, Secretary of State, and Treasurer. Both SB 649 and SB 746 remove the involvement of the Secretary of State and Treasurer. As such, a technical fix to both bills would be appreciated to continue the involvement of all three statewide Constitutional officers in the State Board of Education and allow Kim Sordyl to continue advocating for a strong education for all Oregon students.

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