

## **Testimony in Opposition To Provisions of HB 2587**

### **Reducing Education Expectations For Oregon Learners**

This is my written testimony in opposition to HB 2587 which would remove the 40-40-20 goal and replace it with language that would ensure students “are given the opportunity to attain” post-secondary degrees.

I have been involved in “education reform” in Oregon since 1990. I went through CIM/CAM, School to Work, Small Schools initiative and so on. These programs failed because there was no long term goal or if there was, it changed every year or so. Without a long term consistent goal any attempt at reform will fail.

The goal has to be consistent over many years and it must be ambitious so that there can be some passion attached to it. An “opportunity to attain” sucks as an inspirational goal.

Please don’t let this bill pass. Now is not the time for vacillation.

Best regards,

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