

Letter of Support February 9, 2017

Eastern Oregon University's College of Education fully supports the proposed Teaching With Purpose legislation (SB 204) being submitted by the Teaching With Purpose Consortium.

For the past five years, Eastern Oregon University College of Education has led the state through our Oregon Teacher Pathway program and our Center for Culturally Responsive Practices in developing programs aimed at promoting equity in both post-secondary and PK-12 education. We have conducted training seminars, provided accelerated learning, and have recruited prospective teachers who can understand and effectively initiate programs that involve culturally and linguistically diverse people.

Eastern Oregon University is prepared to be a strong partner in this legislation and will serve as the fiscal agent for the funding should it be approved. In addition the university will continue to be a partner in this effort by continuing to expand our Oregon Teacher Pathway program, and continuing to provide Culturally Responsive training to current and future educators throughout the state.

Sincerely,

Dr. Danny Mielke, Dean Colleges of Business and Education