



To: House Committee on Education
From: Cassandra Hayt, Oregon Business & Industry
Re: House Bill 4051

February 5, 2018

Chair Doherty and members of the House Education Committee:

On behalf of Oregon Business and Industry, representing 1,600 businesses that employ nearly 330,000 people, thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 4051. OBI members value a strong public education system and support efforts to make targeted investments to improve outcomes for students.

OBI supports the formation of a task force on rural education to gather data and research related to student outcomes in rural schools. OBI membership reflects the geographic diversity of our state, and we recognize that the impacts of state policy vary depending on the local community. Through the creation of this task force, we can better understand how to improve rural schools and make direct investments that will improve outcomes for students.

Thank you for the opportunity to support HB 4051 on behalf of Oregon's businesses.