



Our mission is to ensure that all children, regardless of their background, graduate from high school prepared for, and with access to, college or career training.

February 6, 2018

Dear Chair Holvey, Vice Chairs Bynum and Barreto, and Members of the House Committee on Business and Labor,

On behalf of Stand for Children, I am writing to urge your support of HB 4012, a bill that will extend the sunset for retired Career and Technical Education (CTE) teachers to work beyond the 1039 hour PERS limit.

Our organization is an active member of a diverse, broad, and bipartisan coalition committed to seeing Measure 98 implemented well. Measure 98's core pillars – CTE, dropout prevention and college-readiness – are intentionally selected to help raise our graduation rate while better preparing students for college, a career or both after high school.

According to the Oregon Department of Education, Oregon students in CTE courses have a far higher graduation rate than the state average of 77 percent (2016-17 school year).

- *For students earning at least half a credit in a CTE class, the four-year graduation rate is 86.3 percent.*
- *For students earning at least 1 full credit in an approved CTE program of study, the four-year graduation rate is 91.7 percent.*

The Oregon Legislature's \$170 million-dollar investment in Measure 98 for the 2017-19 biennium is allowing many districts to invest in CTE. As CTE opportunities and programs grow across Oregon, it is imperative that our state help ensure districts can hire high-quality CTE educators to develop and lead these programs. HB 4012 is vital for these efforts.

Please vote Yes on HB 4012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Parasa Chanramy". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Parasa Chanramy  
Policy & Advocacy Manager