



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 Reardon, Vice Chairs Alonso Leon and Whisnant, and Members of the House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development,

On behalf of Stand for Children, I am writing to urge your support of HB 4053-1. This bill will:

1. Build on the work that is happening through the transferability bill of 2017 (HB 2998).
2. Provide data from a representative sample of students at each public college and university around credit transferability.
3. Shed light on the policies, methods, and procedures different public colleges and universities use to decide what accelerated learning credits are accepted.
4. Serve as a springboard for future work that is geared toward helping improve the transferability of credit from high school to higher education.

As additional state dollars – through Measure 98 and Regional Promise Grants – are invested to expand accelerated learning opportunities for more high school students across Oregon, and with the costs of attending public colleges and universities in our state continuing to rise, high school students increasingly opt for accelerated learning opportunities to prepare for higher education and help reduce some of the expenses.

Unfortunately, after completing these opportunities, Oregon's high school graduates face inconsistent and unclear systems and policies when transferring these credits to different public colleges and universities in Oregon.

HB 4053-1 is an important step that will help our state better understand how, and to what degree, the issue of credit transferability impacts our students. Our work will not stop at this bill. Our hope is that this bill will continue to help frame future policymaking and implementation considerations so that more and more students have access to, and excel in, our colleges and universities across Oregon.

Please vote Yes on HB 4053-1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Parasa Chanramy". The signature is stylized with a large, circular flourish at the beginning.

Parasa Chanramy
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