



To: Chair Reardon, Vice Chairs Alonso Leon and Whisnant, members of the House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee  
From: Cassandra Hayt, Oregon Business and Industry

On behalf of Oregon Business and Industry, representing approximately 1,600 businesses that employ nearly 330,000 people, we ask that you support HB 4053-1.

The topic of credit transfer has been part of an ongoing effort as we work towards a more seamless Pre-K through 20 education system. With the passage of HB 2998 during the 2017 legislative session, we took an important step to address the issue of lost credits between Oregon community colleges and public universities. HB 4053-1 builds off that important work, collecting data to inform the future discussion on K-12 to post-secondary credit transfer.

Accelerating learning opportunities are expanding. Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) classes, dual credit, assessment-based college credit programs, and more partnerships between high school and post-secondary campus allow students to directly access post-secondary learning before they've even graduated high school. As the state continues to expand these programs, OBI members want to ensure that the investments are not only increasing college access and career readiness but also supporting students to completion.

HB 4053-1 will help to inform our next steps on the topic of credit transfer, accelerated learning opportunities, and more generally, our ability to prepare students for college and career. OBI has a significant interest in this work. We want to be strong partners to develop career and college readiness programs that establish a direct pipeline into local and statewide workforce needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to support HB 4053-1.