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TO: House Committee on Judiciary
FROM: Imani Dorsey, OSA Legislative Associate
SUBJECT: *HB 4150-3*

Chair Barker, Vice Chairs Olson and Williamson, and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Student Association is in full support of HB 4150-3. This bill protects students and their learning environments, providing support for victims with transparent and thorough policy which establishes resources while maintaining their privacy. The current status of sexual harassment in the K-12 system requires investigation of allegations, but the outcomes of investigations are not shared, which is ineffective in taking care of survivors of sexual harassment.

While this -3 does not accomplish the original intention of the bill, the Oregon Student Association supports any pursuance of sexual harassment reform in K-12. OSA is standing with our K-12 partners on their issues as it is important for us to tap into K-12 in order to support students at every step of their education in guaranteeing safe educational spaces.

I strongly urge the committee to support HB 4150-3 to help in securing a just process regarding sexual harassment in Oregon's K-12 system. Sexual harassment is a serious problem in education, we must intervene with legislation and treat it with urgency.

Sincerely,

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