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To: Senate Committee on Education
Senator Arnie Roblan, Chair

Re: HB 4067 – Support

Chair Roblan, Members of the Committee:

For the record, my name is William Miller. I serve as the Future Generations Collaborative Policy Coordinator at the Native American Youth and Family Center located in Portland, Oregon. Our collaborative seeks to educate and reduce substance exposed pregnancies in the Native American Community throughout Multnomah County.

I'm testifying before you today because our collaborative serves those who are impacted by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). As a result, many of our youth who are impacted with an FASD are only sometimes on an Individual Family Service Plan or they have been on an Individual Education Plan.

It is imperative that our children have a seamless transition between the IFSP that they receive in Early Childhood, and the IEP that they receive when they transition into Kindergarten. In Multnomah County alone, there are currently 1,511 students receiving an IFSP. Without this seamless transition, we run the risk of these children losing the great gains they made through early intervention and early childhood special education.

The Native American Youth and Family Center urges a do-pass recommendation for this legislation.

Thank you,

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