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Chair Williamson, Vice-Chair Gorsek, Vice-chair Sprenger and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

On behalf of the Oregon Task Force on School Safety we write in strong support of HB 2051 that will strengthen the confidentiality of our statewide student safety tip line – SafeOregon.

To encourage its use, the intent of the Legislature was for students to use the tip line confidentially and anonymously. To support this intention, the current law needs to be strengthened so that the identity of students or others making reports to the tip line can be protected from public records requests. Without this change, the release of tips or portions of tips may in some instances also inadvertently disclose the identities of the tipsters and victims, putting them at greater risk and discouraging use of the tip line.

Since its inception in January 2017, well over 521,081 students have been served by the tip line. The tip line is important to student safety and we need to encourage its use. Students and others using the tip line need the assurance that their identities will be protected. HB 2051 will strengthen this assurance.

On behalf of the Oregon Task Force on School Safety, thank you for the opportunity to share our support for this important proposed legislation.

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