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Chair Doherty and Members of the House Education Committee,

Our public education system is key to keeping our economy strong, our communities healthy, and ensuring a good quality of life for every Oregonian. Educators across Oregon are committed to meeting the needs of all students. We can close opportunity gaps for historically underserved students, including students of color, students experiencing poverty, English Language Learners and students receiving special education services.

COSA and superintendents across the state believe that House Bill 2440, which creates a Latino Student Success Plan for Oregon, aligns with our goal of meeting the needs of all students.

House Bill 2440 directs the Oregon Department of Education to create an advisory committee of community stakeholders and education administrators to address system-wide barriers experienced by Latino/a students. The committee will create a statewide education plan to support Latino/a student success, from early childhood through post-secondary education. The plan will make recommendations for grants to institutions and community-based partners to implement the recommendations.

The Latino/a population in Oregon represent 22.6% of all K-12 students, and while more Latino/a students are graduating from high school, an alarming opportunity gap still persists. It is essential to create a statewide plan that will address the unique barriers faced by Latino/a students so we can achieve Oregon's goal of graduating every child with a strong plan for the future.

Ensuring access to high-quality, equitable learning environments that respond to each child's needs, assets, culture, and stage of development can help mitigate stresses and provide a pathway to a more equitable future. We urge you to support HB 2440 and improve the educational outcomes for all students by providing positive, affirming, and culturally-responsive practices.

Signed,

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