

TO CHAIR WILLIAMSON, VICE -CHAIRS GORSEK AND SPRENGER AND  
MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
FROM: Lisa Dodson, MPH, PhD (retired research professor of sociology, specializing  
on women and poverty )

RE: Support for House Bill 2562

I write this to express my support House Bill 2562.

There is plenty of evidence that girls continue to face gender-specific obstacles in their pursuit of education, including in STEM fields. They also face experiences of sexual harassment and even abuse as has been amply shown throughout the country, including in Oregon. Relegating all the demands related of a Title IX Coordinator to a one-quarter FTE Coordinator suggests these issues are considered relatively unimportant from the perspective of state investment.

The consequences of sexual harassment and patterns of gendered exclusion have lifelong impacts, not only on specifically girls' futures but also on the economic future families and so the wider community.

Given the importance of the role of State Title IX Coordinator, the position needs to be fulltime.

I urge you to support HB 2562.

Respectfully,

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