

We are a non-profit education advocacy organization focused on ensuring all students receive a high quality, relevant education, especially those whose boundless potential is overlooked and under-tapped because of their skin color, zip code, first language, or disability.

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Dear Chair Williamson, Vice-Chairs Gorsek and Sprenger, and the members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

On behalf of Stand for Children, I am writing to urge your support of HB 3077 – it's a bill that will help:

- Improve reporting processes and investigation procedures related to students and sexual harassment within our K-12 schools;
- Give students resources and support after reporting; and
- Update the definition of sexual harassment to include physical, verbal, and nonverbal contact that create an unsafe learning environment for students.

Students in Oregon must feel safe and supported in their schools. We heard that loud and clear from students throughout the Joint Committee for Student Success' statewide roadshow this past year.

This bill is one of many ways advocates are working to ensure that students are safe and supported in our K-12 system. It is a bill that is both critical and necessary.

Please support HB 3077 to increase awareness of how, and when, to report sexual harassment and provide much needed protections for students who do report.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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