

Floor Letter: Businesses and Business Leaders in Support of the Student Success Act, HB 3427
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As businesses and business leaders, we want Oregon to be a great place for our employees to live and work and for businesses to grow and thrive. This includes strong, healthy schools as well as community colleges and public universities, safe neighborhoods, public places to play, and support for other essential public services.

We appreciate the important work and leadership of the Joint Committee on Student Success. We believe that strong schools can open doors of opportunity for all students — including underserved communities. The Student Success Act would help all students to succeed, and it provides specific and strategic funding to close the opportunity gap.

The Student Success Act will deliver meaningful investments for Oregon public schools. Given Oregon's current mix of business and individual taxes, this framework meets our key criteria to help address some of the challenges related to Oregon's unique tax system.

Key criteria include a transparent, low-rate consumption tax that applies broadly and equitably across business entity types, provides stability to the state revenue system, is administratively feasible, reduces over-reliance on personal income taxes, and dedicates funds to improve Oregon's public education system.

We thank legislators and the Joint Committee on Student Success for their thorough and thoughtful work to arrive at this point.

Signed,

**From the Desk of
 Senator
 James Ivory Manning Jr.**

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