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Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction

## **HB 4112**

### **House Committee on Human Services & Housing**

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Chair Keny-Guyer and member of the committee, I am Jessica Ventura, legislative director for the Oregon Department of Education. Thank you for allowing the Oregon Department of Education to submit information on HB 4112, which appropriates one position at the agency to provide educator training and curriculum on Erin's Law (SB 856 (2015)).

Erin's Law required the development and adoption of child sexual abuse prevention curriculum in all K-12 Oregon public schools (197 school districts). SB 856 (2015) allocated 0.5 FTE to the Oregon Department of Education for a school sexual health specialist position and 0.5 FTE to an operations and policy analyst who focuses on school health education.

HB 4112 would add 1.0 FTE to the school sexual health program to implement Erin's Law -- not only developing curricula, but focusing more on providing training to teachers on how to provide child abuse prevention and sexuality education that are not always covered in teacher preparation programs.

Currently, ODE provides ongoing technical assistance for school districts to improve mental health, academic outcomes through teaching healthy relationships and healthy sexuality in elementary, middle, and high school, as required by law and Division 22 requirements. Technical assistance includes presentations, resources, and trainings to support sexuality education as a part of a holistic education, including preventing child abuse, violence, and bullying, enhancing equitable educational outcomes, improving school safety, decreasing unintended pregnancies, increasing student socio-emotional skills, and decreasing sexually transmitted illnesses

Submitted for the record is a letter issued by Director Colt Gill. The letter provides information on Erin's Law and what the agency is currently doing to support public schools during implementation.

Thank you,

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Legislative Director