



Testimony in support of HB 4132

Student Health Survey to improve health, safety and well-being

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Dear Chair Doherty and Members of the House Committee on Education,

On behalf of the Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs (AOCMHP), I am writing to urge your support of SB 4132, the purpose of which will streamline student health data collection across the state through codification and sufficient funding.

AOCMHP represents community mental health program (CMHP) directors across the state, who are responsible for managing the behavioral health safety net in their counties and ensuring individuals and families have access to appropriate services and supports. CMHPs, delegated by local mental health authorities, have similar interests in the student health survey data as their local public health authority partners do to guide their community interventions. Specifically, the data informs our work in mental health promotion, suicide prevention, and intensive community-based services to make every effort so that youth are able to stay in their family homes and in school.

Please support HB 4132 to enable state and local system partners to improve our Oregon youth's health, safety and well-being.

Sincerely,

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