

Dear Legislators,

I'd like to express my support for HB 4132. As a school board member, I know how essential it is that we have data to inform the policy choices we make. Student health survey data is invaluable, and currently the Oregon Student Health Survey is the only source of this critical information. This survey is a chance for Oregon's youth to tell us honestly about their lives and experiences. In my career as a health educator and advocate for survivors of sexual violence, I see young people when they are at their most vulnerable. I serve as a school board member because I want to help those kids, and I know that the only way to truly help them is to listen to them. These surveys are one of the best tools we have to ensure that we all can listen. I can think of no honest reason why we wouldn't want to gather this information, particularly because participation is voluntary and anonymous.

I hope to see this bill passed and would gladly speak to anyone about the significance of this data.

In solidarity,
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