

February 11, 2020

Representative Diego Hernandez 900 Court St. NE, H-373 Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Representative Diego Hernandez,

This is a letter in support of HB 4098: Computer Science State Strategic Plan.

Here at the University of Oregon (UO) we are working hard to address issues of diversity. Our Department of Computer and Information Science is continually exploring ways to broaden participation in computer science, such as by pursuing the recruitment and mentoring of women and under-represented minorities, and helping them to graduate with degrees in computer science. Many of the students at the UO are from Oregon. It is my understanding that improving K-12 computer science education in Oregon would contribute to more diverse enrollments in computer science here at UO. This would help the state of Oregon contribute even more to the advancement of science, which would in turn provide important societal and financial benefits to Oregon and the United States. I support HB 4098: Computer Science State Strategic Plan.

Best wishes,

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