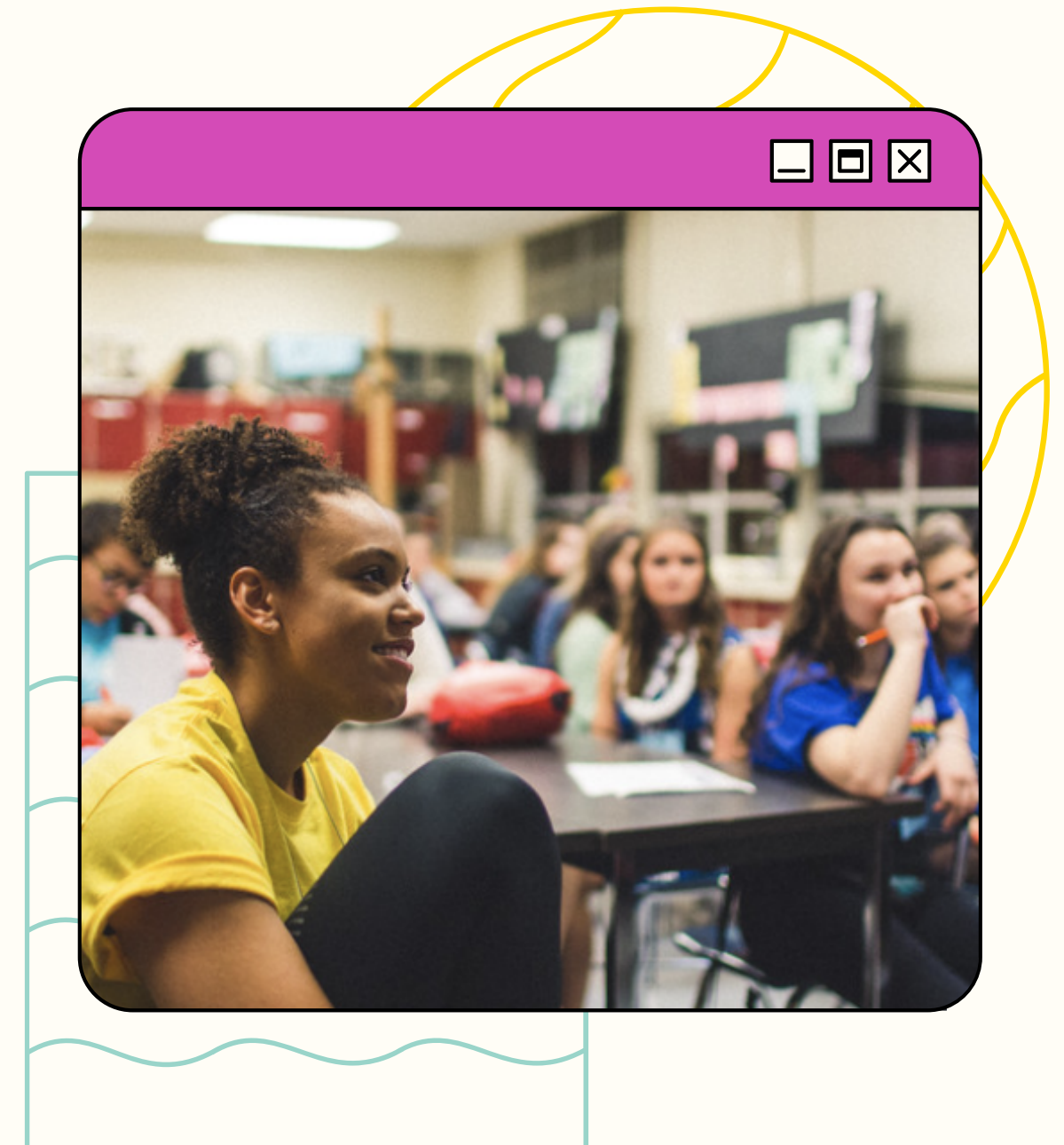


# Racial Equity & Justice Youth Collaborative Bill Presentation

January 11, 2022

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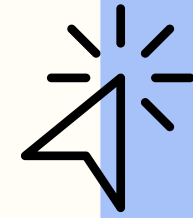
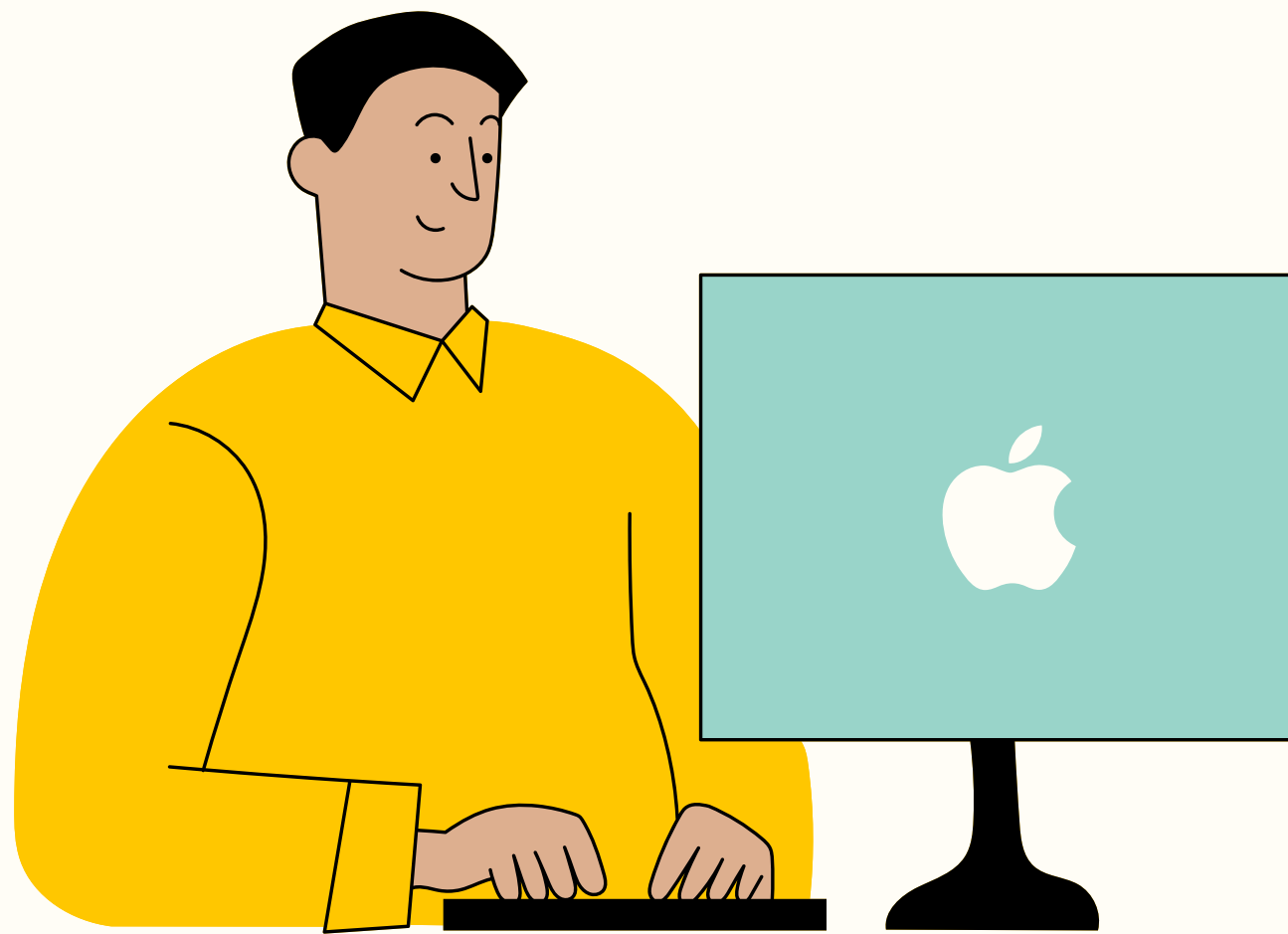
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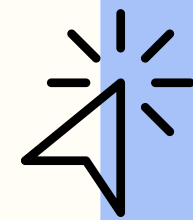
# Policy Goals

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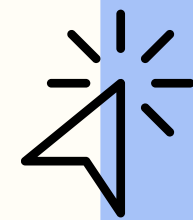
Create a state-level, youth majority-led, Racial Equity and Justice Youth Collaborative at the ODE

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Support diverse youth leaders from across Oregon in the policy-making process at the state level

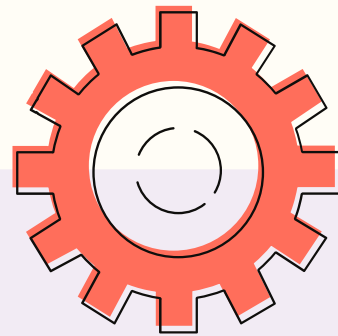
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Work to ensure that youth – particularly youth who have been historically and are currently underserved – are meaningfully involved in the creation and implementation of the policies and practices that impact their lives

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# Urgency + Our "Whys"



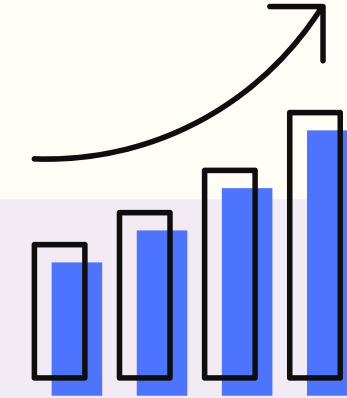
## No designated youth majority led advisory body...

Reflective of Oregon youth - to advise Oregon Department of Education in policy development/ implementation on racial equity and justice in education for Oregon's youth around the state.



## Youth leaders sharing lived experiences...

Provides opportunity to develop and implement meaningful, youth-centered changes that have a positive, measurable, and sustainable impact on youth and educational experiences across Oregon.



## When we support and engage youth leaders, we are able to improve:

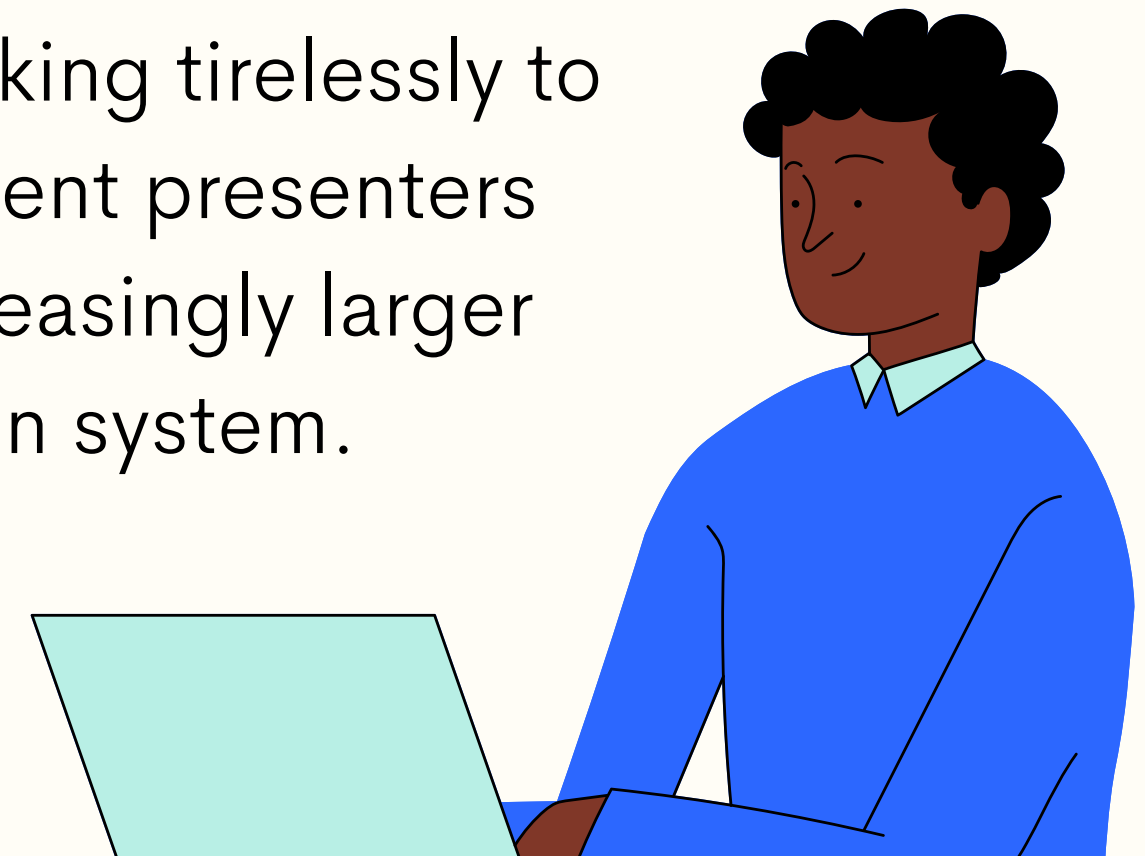
- Academic achievement;
- Social emotional development; and
- Policies and practices that are youth-centered meeting youths' needs.

# Policy Development

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**Summer 2020:** In the summer of 2020, students of color were invited to share their experiences with racism in Oregon schools with district and school administrators. During the open Zoom meeting, an intruder disrupted the event by Zoom-bombing. This was extremely traumatic for students and administrators. The meeting was immediately halted in order to check in with the students and address the rupture.

**On-going:** REAP, OASC, OASSA, COSA, and ODE have been working tirelessly to address the concerns and solutions raised first by the group of student presenters harmed by the racist Zoom-bombing incident and then with an increasingly larger group of students impacted by racial injustice in Oregon's education system.



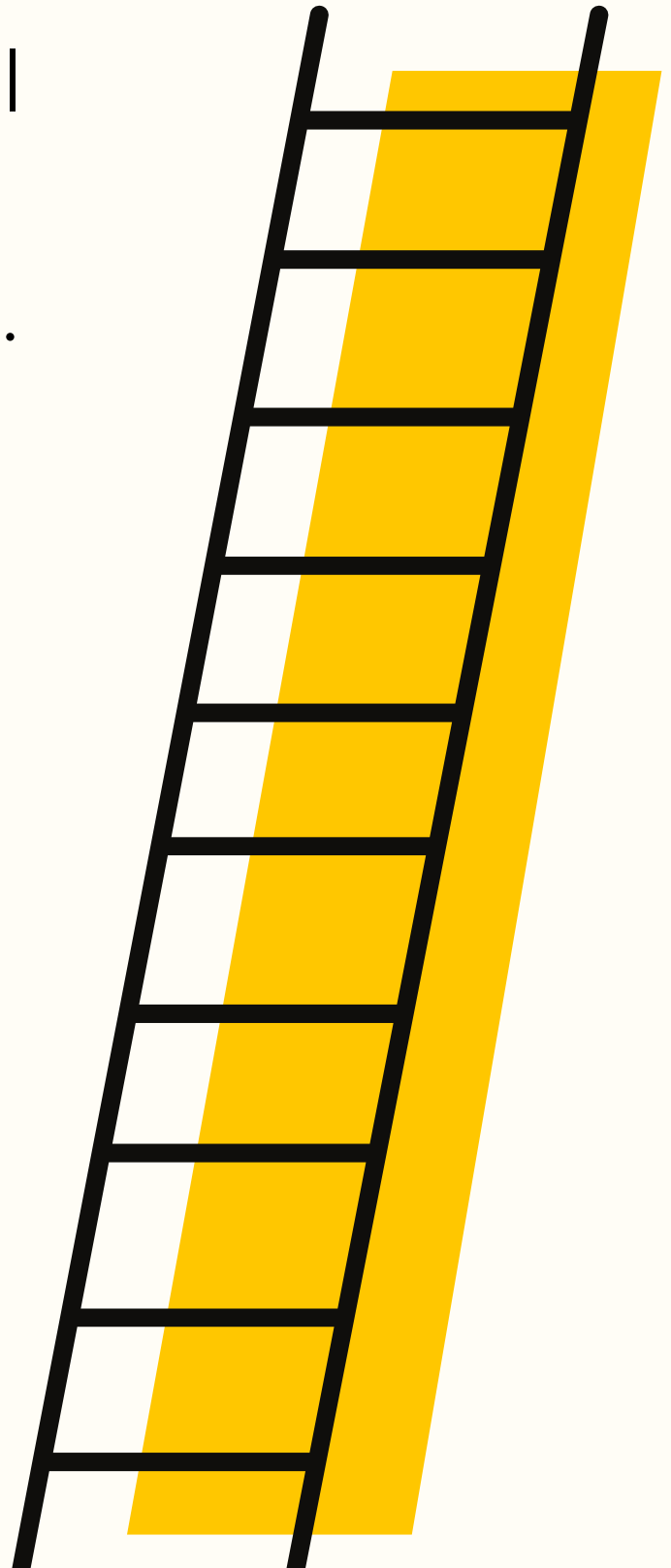
# Policy Development

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**Winter 2020:** Bill development with students and partners through virtual small group meetings, and the Oregon Students United Kick Off and Summit events. Connected with over 300 students, educators, and partners statewide virtually.

**2021 Legislative Session:** With our legislative champions and partners we advocated for the bill. [HB 3363](#) passed House Education unanimously – with bipartisan support, but unfortunately, never advanced out of the Ways and Means Committee. The fiscal for HB 3363 was \$342,332 (2021–23).

**Now through 2022:** Continue to work with our legislative champions and partners to pass the bill during the 2022 legislative session.

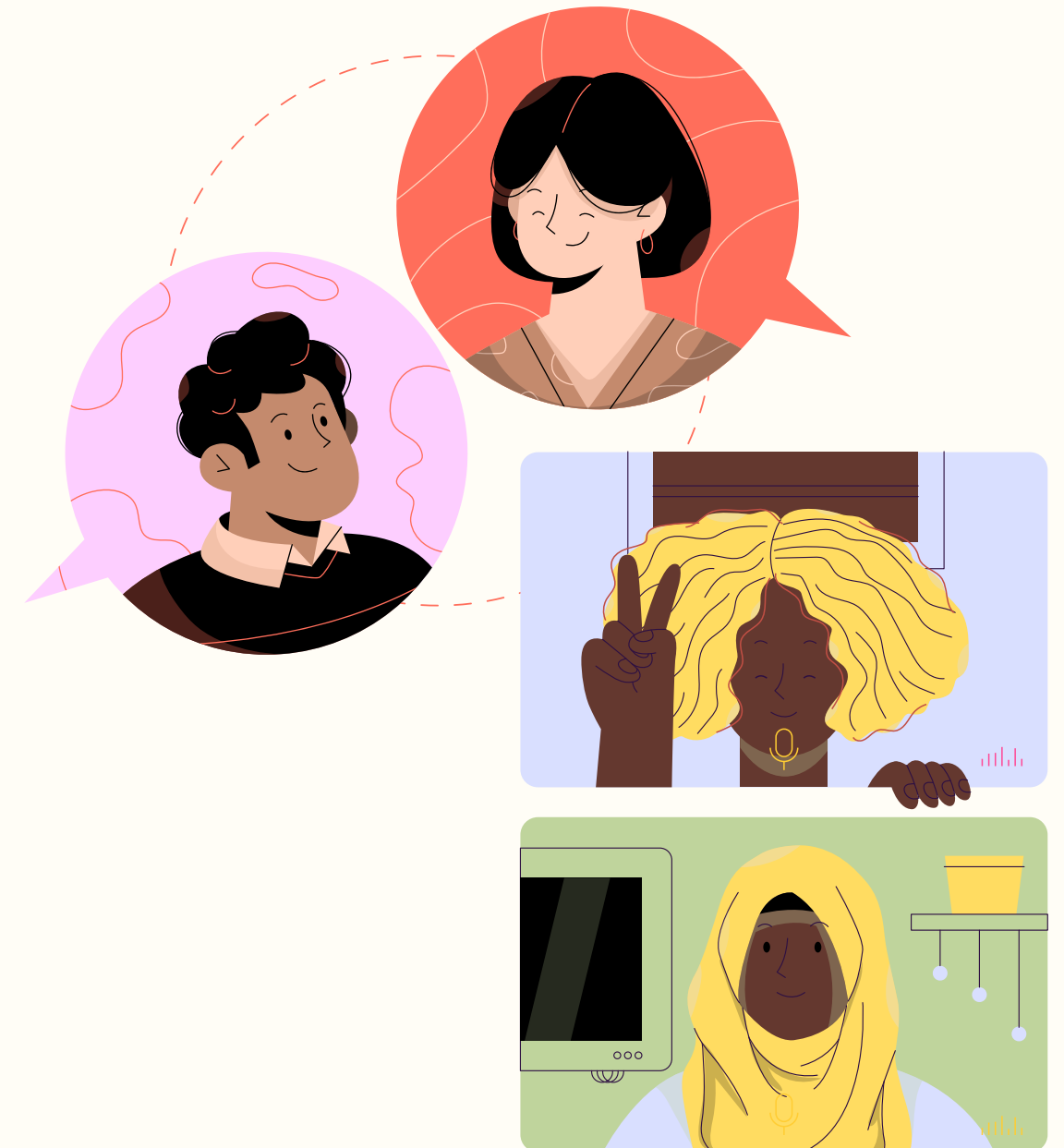




# LC 30: A Youth-Led Collaborative with Representation from Around Oregon

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- Creation of a state-level Racial Equity and Justice Youth Collaborative -- **the first** of its kind in Oregon and nationally.
- Composed of at least **two youth** (ages 11 through 21) from [each ESD region](#) for geographic representation and diversity, with majority of youth coming from *racial and ethnic* communities who have been historically, and are currently underserved – and youth identifying as *LGBTQ2SIA+, emerging bilingual, disabled, and/or navigating poverty*.



# LC 30: *Supporting Youth Leadership in the Policy Making Process*

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## Youth Collaborative members will be able to:

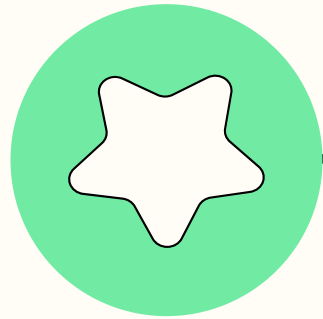
- Continue development as leaders, receive mentoring support, shape creation of regional youth leadership networks
- Collaborate with different agencies (ODE, YDD, OHA, and the HECC) and advisory bodies (Various Student Success Plan Advisory Groups and the Governor's Racial Justice Council) in state level policy processes (research/review, development, advocacy, implementation)
- Improve how the state engages and supports youth in policy processes
- Inform development and rollout of different state-level supports, resources, and surveys for students
- Report learnings, recommendations, and progress with Oregon Legislature.





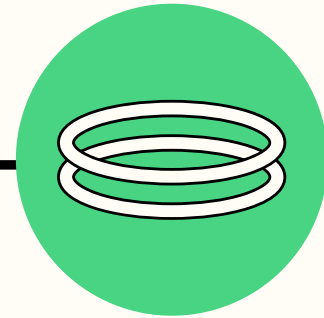
# 2022 Bill (LC 30) Timeline

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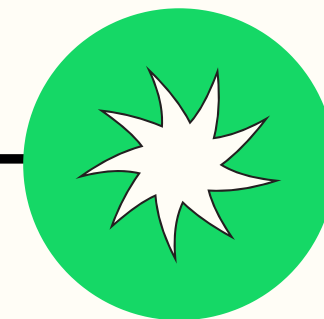
Bill becomes effective!

Oct 31, 2022



Department of Education convenes a workgroup to develop process for becoming a member of Racial Equity and Justice Youth Collaborative.

Feb 15, 2023



Inaugural Racial Equity and Justice Youth Collaborative is appointed. Shall meet at least six times a year.

Aug 13, 2023



Workgroup ends.

# LC 30 Endorsements



# Closing Remarks