

I am the Co-President of AAUW Ashland and an active member in AAUW of Oregon. As a financial planner, I often read corporate annual reports and noticed how the boards were all or mostly male. Where were the women, the people of color? The sad fact is that in Oregon in 2019, women held an average of only 21% of seats on the largest publicly traded corporate boards.

This lack of diversity is counterproductive. There are many qualified white women and people of color from all genders that are available to serve. A critical mass of diverse corporate board members creates an environment where people are no longer viewed as outsiders and ensures their viewpoints are valued.

I urge you to support House Bill 3110.

Thank you,
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