

TO:
Oregon House General Government Committee

4/24/2021

Dear Chair Wilde, Vice Chairs Leif and Lively,
and Representatives Valderama and Zika:

I am writing in support of SB299.

Current research informs us that out-of-school programs, whether they be for academic assistance, enrichment, or application, enhance both learning, and, perhaps more importantly, the efficacy of learning, for *all* students who participate in them.

Giving *all* students a chance to receive support in our state and local communities, even those whose parents cannot afford to fund their students' participation in out-of-school programs, has become a societal issue for the ages! We know that drop-out rates decrease when students participate in out-of-school programs, which leads to more success in life, and the confidence and skills any student (or person, for that matter), needs to navigate their future.

The Children's Service Districts proposed in SB299 will do just that! The small increase in property taxes is worth it, if we have the chance to *present it as an option to the community for our children and their futures*. Thus, we are in support of passing SB299.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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