



April 30, 2021

TO: House Rules Committee
FR: Parasa Chanramy, COSA
RE: HB 2060 Testimony

Good Afternoon Chair Smith Warner, Vice Chair Drazan, Vice Chair Holvey, and Members of the House Rules Committee:

My name is Parasa Chanramy and on behalf of the Coalition of Oregon School Administrators and our 2500 members across Oregon, we urge you to support House Bill 2060. This bill includes key technical fixes to the Student Success Act. Those key fixes include:

Under the Student Investment Account (SIA):

- **Giving the State Board the authority to establish targets for student mental and behavioral health needs.** This change will help streamline ODE's guidance and support around mental and behavioral health, especially since i) one of the goals of the Student Investment Account is to meet students' mental or behavioral health needs; and ii) districts may spend a portion of their SIA dollars on addressing students' health or safety needs.
- **Expanding the list of entities who are eligible for SIA dollars.** This change would ensure that the following entities are eligible to apply for funding: Youth Corrections Education Program, Juvenile Detention Education Program, and state-sponsored public charter schools.
- **Using the State Board's definition for economically disadvantaged students.** This change will help leverage the Board's current definition for the purposes of the SIA.

Under the Statewide Education Initiatives Account:

- **Expanding the list of entities who are eligible for funding for different equity initiatives.** These changes would allow: Education Service Districts (ESDs) to apply for the African American Student Success Grants; and ESDs and tribal governments to receive grants under the Latino/a/x & Indigenous Student Success Plan.
- **Updating the section on school meals and access.** These changes will help expand access to school meals and ensure that the meal reimbursement process is more fair and consistent.

There are also two amendments being proposed to amend HB 2060.



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Our organization is neutral on the proposed -2 amendment which would i) remove the Oregon School of the Deaf from the list of eligible entities for Student Investment Account funds; and ii) maintain Oregon's current standard of a private right of action.

As for the -3 amendment, our organization supports this amendment because it would help create a dedicated treasury account for Student Success Teams. Student Success Teams are responsible for implementing an Intensive Coaching Program in partnership with districts that may need additional support and technical assistance in improving outcomes for students. A dedicated account is needed for this work because Student Success Teams partner with districts a minimum of four years and need to be able to ensure that resources can be maintained beyond the biennial budget period.

Thank you again for your time. Please support HB 2060.