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Chair Alonso Leon  
Vice-Chair Neron  
Vice-Chair Weber  
Members of the House Education Committee

**SB 732 A - school districts to establish educational equity advisory committee**

Chair Alonso Leon, Vice-Chair Neron, Vice-Chair Weber, and members of the committee,

FACT Oregon is the US Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, designated Parent Training Information (PTI) Center, serving Oregon families as they navigate Special Education services. Providing peer delivered support, training, and resources, we equip and empower families of youth experiencing disability to have high expectations as they pursue whole, full lives in community.

**We support SB 732 A** and its establishment of local equity advisory committees' representative of the targeted communities identified in ORS 327.180 (2)(b). We want to ensure, that upon passage, there is clarity and consistency in implementation, resulting in committee's representative of the targeted communities identified in ORS 327.180 (2)(b), including families of students experiencing disability.

On behalf of the families of the roughly 80,000 students receiving special education services, we continue to celebrate the amazing potential in the Student Success Act and we are so very thankful to have students with disabilities included as one of the focal communities targeted for investment to meet students mental or behavioral health needs and increase academic achievement. Many decisions affecting students with disabilities are local ones, but for too long, in too many districts, their voices have not been heard. **Passage of SB 732 A** can begin to change that.

Now is the time to embrace the potential of all students, and to make the changes necessary to increase the outcomes of students experiencing disability.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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