



STATE OF OREGON
Office of the Governor
KATE BROWN

February 1, 2021

The Honorable Karin Power, Chair
The Honorable Lisa Reynolds, Vice Chair
The Honorable Jack Zika, Vice Chair

RE: House Bill 2055

Dear Chair Power and Vice Chairs Reynolds and Zika:

Today you will hear about HB 2055 - a bill that is important to the Governor. Recognizing Tribal Sovereignty and ensuring access to resources that support high-quality early childhood education are a priority that the Governor has committed to supporting through her Recommended Budget.

HB 2055 is the result of years of feedback and conversation through the Government to Government Education Cluster, a quarterly convening between our education agencies and Tribal Education Directors across the nine federally-recognized tribes within Oregon's borders. This bill allows for the creation of a Tribal Early Learning Hub to enhance Oregon's Early Learning Hub system.

Over the years, the Tribal Nations within Oregon's borders have experienced varying levels of engagement and access to resources as we have increased investments in early childhood education. The creation of a Tribal Hub will increase access to these and other resources by prioritizing Tribal Sovereignty and working directly with Tribal Nations. HB 2055 allows Tribal Nations to design how this Hub will operate and function alongside the 16 regional Hubs across the state to ensure equitable access to funding and technical assistance opportunities as desired.

I submit this letter to express Governor Brown's support of HB 2055.

Sincerely,

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