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

**Support House Bill 4112 – Support Educators and Students With Professional Development
for Teaching Ethnic Studies**

Dear Chair Alonso Leon, Vice-Chair Neron, Vice-Chair Weber and members of the House Education Committee,

In 2017, Stand for Children was proud to see House Bill 2845, an Ethnic Studies standard that ensures our K-12 education system honors and integrates the rich and unique histories, contributions, and perspectives of traditionally underrepresented ethnic and social minority groups, pass with strong bipartisan support.

Now that educators are responsible for teaching Oregon's students about the contributions different groups have made to our shared history, we have a responsibility to support those educators in doing so. We urge you to support House Bill 4112, which makes a critical investment in ensuring educators are trained and supported in implementing Ethnic Studies standards in K-12 schools. This investment is a continued commitment to Oregon's promise to provide students access to a high-quality, relevant education. **We urge you to vote YES to support HB 4112 and invest in professional development for Ethnic Studies.**

Thank you,

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