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Written Testimony for HB 4029
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I am writing in opposition of HB 4029.

The Oregon Dept. of Education does not need more power over our local school districts. This bill is antithetical to the fundamental point of our Republic, and the excessive power of the government over our local districts. We the people have the right to have local controls over how we want our children educated in school, how we want our children's school board, administrators, and teachers trained. We want local control over our public school curriculums.

The self-assessment is to "focus on education equity, board governance practices, improving equitable outcomes, student progress, access and opportunity, with an emphasis on underserved and underrepresented communities (and to) review improvement plans and budgets."

EQUAL access to all, NOT EQUAL OUTCOME. This is a fundamentally racist policy, and as a parent it disgusts me the state of Oregon is using the "Equity" term, instead of the word "Equality". This has not gone unnoticed by us parents, so you are on notice to cease this absurdity in our schools. Remember your place - to ensure our schools are teaching the fundamentals of education - NOT social justice. There is no place in school for social justice warrior and indoctrination, not education. This is for the parents and family to teach there kids. You have no right to take our place in teaching social skills.

It is not in the best interest of our students, my student, to mandate centralized control over what types of professional learning and training, to create and manage funds for professional learning and training, and to report back to the ODE biennially. Local districts are better situated to respond to the interests of their communities.

The ODE has no right to demand that districts "must consider equity" when determining who is to be included as "qualified to provide professional learning and training." This is so backwards to all the progress our country has made since Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement - the ODE should be ashamed of themselves for considering this legislation. You have no right to consider overtaking local control.

