

HB 4099 Student Statement

My name is Sonya and I attend Lane Middle School in the Portland Public School district. The HB 4099 bill will help me and my classmates in many ways. My family is immigrant and english is not my first language. I wish I had more representation in my school for people like me. I don't think it's fair to have older white people making all the decisions for us in our schools because the students have to deal with the results. How would you feel if your work or school was organized by people you had nothing in common with?

During all of my education, I never had a teacher or principal who looked like me and I know there are lots of students around Oregon who have had the same experience. I think this bill will help us to feel more comfortable and connected to our school and education. Please consider this bill because it will help so many students.

Will this bill allow me to have a voice in my education? Will I be able to make a difference? How many people will be working on policies? Are there any reasons why you wouldn't want this bill passed? Who would be hurt by this bill being passed? If you can't answer those questions, maybe the answer is, this bill should be passed. Please consider how this bill will help different races, cultures, and sexual orientations of students in all parts of Oregon.