



To: Oregon Housing Committee on Education

From: Anderson DuBoise, REAP Strategic Initiatives Manager

RE: Letter of Support for HB 4099

Good afternoon, Chair Alonso Leon, Vice Chairs Neron and Weber, and Members of the House Education Committee. I am Anderson DuBoise, the Strategic Initiatives Manager for REAP and student alumni of the organization.

I'm here to urge you to support House Bill 4099

This bill would give underrepresented youth and youth from diverse regions of our state space to not only learn more about our policies but to provide input in policies that directly impact them.

My REAP students who attended the 2020 event that was zoom bombed shared their experiences concerning their educational experiences. Some of them had never spoken on such a large platform before. The students who attended the Oregon students united event both years brought even more students who have never been involved in the policy making process. It has been so heart inspiring to see myself as a REAP student alumni give space for the next generation to have more access to learn and engage in the process.

If this bi-partisan bill passes, it will cement a nationally historic moment in valuing youth voice, to which we as a state hold dear, and need, for a more informed body. I'm proud to be a part of that.

This bill will help set up the next wave of leaders for success. I urge you to vote yes on HB 4099

Sincerely,
Anderson DuBoise
Strategic Initiatives Manager