

Dear Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Weber, and members of the Senate Education Committee,

Thank you for your efforts to provide Oregon's communities of color with resources and fund summer learning opportunities. Oregon's children need every opportunity to learn.

I am a member from the Chinese community and have received the summer learning grants in summers 2021 and 2022. We also offered after school or Saturday programs on College Preparation Workshops in addition. I am writing to ask that the current language of SB531 designates summer learning funding to community-based organizations that are grounded in under-represented student populations.

- Parents overwhelmingly support summer learning programs that provide students with opportunities to continue learning.
- Students enjoy curricular materials that are designed to meet their learning needs.
- Community-based summer learning programs offer unique learning opportunities that focus on students' culture and language.
- Community-based organizations need stable and adequate funding to sustain their limited funding base.
- Parents need adequate time to plan for summer programs and the summertime for students to have a balanced summer life.

It takes all of us to educate our youth and build our future. It is critical that the language of SB531 be clear and precise.

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