



February 27, 2023

Chair Courtney Neron
Vice-Chair Zach Hudson
Vice-Chair Boomer Wright
Members of the House Education Committee

RE: [HB 2710 – Increasing Transparency in Oregon School Spending](#)

Dear Chair Neron, Vice-Chair Hudson, Vice-Chair Wright, and members of the House Education Committee,

As members of the [Oregon Partners for Education Justice \(OPEJ\)](#), we would like to thank you for the opportunity to express our **strong support for House Bill 2710**.

OPEJ represents a cross-cultural network of community-based organizations, culturally specific service providers, and education advocates who are championing an inclusive, equitable, racially just, and community-centered public education system for Oregon. **We are proud to support HB 2710, which would provide more transparent and accessible information about how public dollars are spent to ensure every child in our state has access to the high quality education they need and deserve.**

Currently, the Oregon Department of Education does not collect specific information from Oregon’s 197 school districts about how they invest over \$9 billion dollars in grant funding from Oregon’s State School Fund. The State School Fund is Oregon’s primary funding stream for K-12 public education and represents the largest single expenditure in our entire state budget. The lack of transparency and accessible information around State School Fund spending limits the impact of our statewide investments on student outcomes and risks reducing public trust in Oregon’s public education system.

HB 2710 would require all school districts to track and report expenditures from the Oregon State School Fund in a uniform and consistent manner to provide a more complete and accurate statewide view of how these investments are serving students across our state. **With more accessible and transparent information, Oregon families, communities, and policymakers can better understand how public education funding is currently spent, and partner to improve how Oregon invests to eliminate educational inequities and enhance all students' learning experiences.**

Please support HB 2710 to improve transparency in education spending by ensuring our state and school districts track and report how State School Fund dollars are invested to support all students.. This legislation is an essential step toward advancing a more racially just and community-centered education system for Oregon's children.

Sincerely,

Oregon Partners for Education Justice

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