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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Education  
Measure: SB421

To The Members of Senate Committee On Education,

My name is Emme Lurding. I am a senior at Bend Senior High school, and I am involved in environmental club and have previously worked with Our Future. As a member of the LGBTQIA+ community I have heard many ways in which other students feel unheard just in this community. Youth voices are an important part of policy making because we are the future. I believe that everyone's voice deserves to be heard and it is important to hear from people who have historically been underrepresented, and let's face it still are underrepresented. BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, emerging bilingual, and/or youths with disabilities deserve better and deserve to be heard. I am writing this to urge you to vote YES on SB 421 because it will allow students to have a say in policies that will affect them.

Thank you