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To: House Education Committee
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Subject: Support for [Senate Bill 421](#)

Good Afternoon, Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Weber, and Members of the Senate Education Committee:

For the record, I'm Parasa Chanramy with the Coalition of Oregon School Administrators. I'm here to speak in favor of Senate Bill 421.

We want to thank Senators Dembrow, Frederick, and Jama, and Representatives Valderrama, Neron, Dexter, and Reynolds for chief sponsoring this legislation and helping re-introduce the bill this session. We also want to express how grateful we are to the youth leaders and our partners at REAP, the Oregon Association of Student Councils, the Oregon Association of Secondary School Administrators, and the Department of Education, for their continued support and work in the development of this bill.

This bill is intended to:

- Support our youth leaders as they pursue leadership opportunities in the policy process, especially for youth from historically, and currently, underserved and underrepresented communities – inclusive of: youth of color; those experiencing disability; who are part of the LGBTQ community; who are emerging bilingual; and who are navigating poverty.
- Help the state improve our education system so that we are meeting youth where they are at, recognizing their brilliance, and supporting them in realizing their full potential.
- Build regional youth leadership networks around the state over time so that our youth see themselves reflected and represented, they are connected with more youth leaders, they know where to go for additional help, and they are supported in their efforts to help improve our education system.

Our youth leaders and partners need your help in getting this bill across the finish line. Over the last few sessions, this bill has garnered bipartisan support out of the education policy committee, but has never made it through the Ways and Means process.

We hope that we can continue to count on your support, and urge you to vote yes on Senate Bill 421. Thank you for your time today.