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Education supporters - we need your help in supporting HB 3068, a bill that awards an 11th or 12th grader who obtains a GED with a high school diploma.

This bill provides an alternative pathway for students who may face challenges that prevent them from finishing high school in the traditional way, and creates new opportunities for them, including access to higher education, better-paying jobs, and more fulfilling careers.

We need your help to support this bill and support students in Oregon by submitting testimony in favor of HB 3068.

To make it easier for you, here are some talking points that you can use in your testimony:

Provides alternative pathway for students: HB3068 awards an 11th or 12th grader who obtains a GED with a high school diploma, providing an alternative pathway for students who may face challenges that prevent them from finishing high school in the traditional way.

Creates new opportunities: By awarding a high school diploma to students who obtain a GED, HB3068 will help these students overcome the stigma associated with not having a high school diploma and create new opportunities, including access to higher education, better-paying jobs, and more fulfilling careers.

Benefits for individuals and communities: The bill will benefit the students who earn the diploma, the communities they live in, and the state as a whole by creating a more educated and prosperous workforce, reducing poverty, and improving public health and safety.

Win-win solution: HB3068 is a win-win for everyone involved. It provides an important recognition of students' achievements, helps them succeed in life, and contributes to the overall well-being of the student body as a whole and well as the overall health of the State of Oregon in general.