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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Education
Measure: HB3236

I oppose HB 3236 and urge a NO vote.

We do not need to waste any money during these times of high inflation. Expanding school breakfast and lunch programs are adding to the social welfare system by taking accountability and responsibility away from the parents. Government has to stop thinking it can provide all social services that we taxpayers foot the bill for.

HB 3236 also states that it will provide developing and providing statewide equity initiatives, including the Black or African-American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Latino or Hispanic education plans. This is segregation and racist. Furthermore, equity is not equality. Equity does not help students rather it stunts their growth and ability to excel in their academics by establishing an equal outcome. We all learn at different rates and have different skills. We are not all equal in talents and abilities.

This bill is a waste of time and money. You should be more concerned with the quality of education in Oregon which places us very close to the bottom of the list in 47th place! Governor Brown passed legislation before leaving office stating high school students do not need to be proficient in reading, writing, or math.

Our future leaders and workforce of tomorrow are doomed if they received their sub-par K-12 education in Oregon. You cannot build a high rise if your foundation is cracked.

SECTION 3 states an existing emergency. This section seems to be finding its way onto many bills this session. What is the emergency? Please be more specific? Emergencies are not predetermined. Don't be like the boy who cried wolf.

I respectfully urge a NO vote on HB 3236.