

**March 10, 2023**

**Representative Bynum, Co-Chair Semiconductor Committee**

**Self-Enhancement Inc.** Establishment of a Underserved/Underrepresented Youth Cohort at Self-Enhancement Inc to build a pipeline of diverse students ready to join the workforce after graduating from high school and/post-secondary education to gain employment in the newly expanded semi-conductor/micro-chip industry. **Requests 1.2M-SB 4**

*“Self Enhancement, Inc (SEI) is dedicated to guiding underserved youth to realize their full potential. Working with schools, families, and partner community organizations, SEI provides support, guidance, and opportunities to achieve personal and academic success. SEI brings hope to individual young people and enhances the quality of community life.”*

### **WHAT WE PROVIDE**

**In-School Programming (Active in 24 schools during 19/20) Extended Day Services (5,401 students served 19/20) Summer Programming (34 Online classes 2020) Community + Family Programming (9,466 served 19/20)**

- Mentorship, Academic supports, Career development, Goal setting, Social/Emotional support, culturally specific support, Restoration of safety and security, & Implementation of trauma-informed services.
- Students in SEI have a 97% high school graduation rate. Statewide the class of 2022, has a 73.7% Black student graduation rate. For class of 2022, 79.4% of Black seniors graduated from PPS.

### **Expected Outcomes**

- Increase the number of underrepresented students entering STEM careers and/or post-secondary STEM majors that include the micro-chip industry.
- Build a network of home-grown students from the SEI Cohort of Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) interested in STEM related careers.
- Build increased partnerships with school districts, community colleges, universities, HBCU's and micro-chip companies to increase stem experiences of underrepresented students in SEI cohort.
- Increase STEM programming for underrepresented youth in SEI Cohort.
- Increase family and student awareness of future career opportunities in micro-chip industry in Oregon.
- Increase scholarship opportunities for students who want to pursue STEM Careers and employment in the micro-chip industry.
- Increase paid internships for high school and college students in the SEI Cohort within the microchip ecosystem in Oregon.