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I am writing in support of HB 4137. I have been an IB teacher for the past 21 years at South Salem High School in Oregon. The IB program is a highly rigorous, balanced, well-rounded, globally accepted course. Students who are in the IB program are very well-prepared for college, university, or a career path. They have learned independent work, collaboration, time-management, research and critical thinking skills and have been exposed to an international curriculum. Universities across the world acknowledge this program with scholarships and university admission. My daughter's IB diploma qualified her for a \$ 3000 annual scholarship at OSU. This House Bill would recognize their achievements under the IB program as equal to the Oregon High School Diploma and is a long overdue step. Thank you.