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On Behalf Of:
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I am writing to express my strong support for HB 4137, which proposes that students pursuing the full IB Diploma are automatically granted the Oregon diploma. As an IB Physics Teacher, I have witnessed firsthand the dedication and hard work that IB students put into their education.

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma program sets rigorous academic standards that far exceed those of the state of Oregon. Students enrolled in the IB program face a significant workload as they strive to meet the demands of two diploma programs simultaneously. With the impending addition of the .5 civics credit, this workload is only set to increase further.

Granting IB students automatic qualification for the Oregon diploma would not only acknowledge the academic rigor of the IB program but also alleviate the burden of an overloaded schedule. It would ensure that these students are not unfairly penalized for their pursuit of excellence in education.

I urge you to support HB 4137 and take action to streamline the process for IB students to receive the Oregon diploma. By doing so, we will not only recognize the hard work of these students but also promote fairness and equity in our education system.

Thank you for considering my testimony