

**Testimony for the Senate Education Committee
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Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of Senate Bills 933 and 934, both of which enhance transparency and accountability for all Oregon students.

Senate Bill 933 introduces tracking student growth, ensuring that we can measure progress effectively and make informed decisions to support student success. Additionally, Senate Bill 934 establishes consistent statewide guidelines for identifying and serving Talented and Gifted (TAG) students. A key provision of this bill allows anyone who knows a student to refer them for assessment, promoting equitable access to services and recognizing the diverse ways giftedness can present.

Supporting these bills will help create a more transparent, equitable, and accountable education system that serves all Oregon students.

Thank you for your time and consideration.