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Chair Hudson, Vice-Chairs Dobson and McIntire and members of the House Education Committee,

On behalf of The Pacific Northwest Association for College Admission Counseling (PNACAC), I write in support of HB 4079. PNACAC represents high school counselors and staff, college admission officers, and related professions who work with students as they explore and transition from high school to postsecondary education and training.

Many of our members, students, and their families have been negatively impacted by the increased federal enforcement actions around our schools, colleges and universities. Anxiety and depression associated with fear are impacting students' ability to learn and many Oregon students have limited, or entirely stopped, coming to school due to their fear.

Oregon institutions of learning should remain safe, and students should not fear going to school, college, and university campuses. HB 4079 defines the communication necessary to inform and keep students, families, and staff safe on campuses and we strongly support the bill.

Sincerely,

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