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As a former educator who sees the value of including those affected by decisions made by boards representing the general public, over the past three years I have created an Oregon Public Education Directory that includes contact information for superintendents and presidents, board-administrative secretaries, and board members, including student representatives. As you may know, I have also created an Oregon Legislative Directory, as well, to increase decision-makers' access to each other. Recently, it was suggested by the administrative secretary for one community college that I not include the email address for the student representative sitting on the board. I called back, saying that I thought that would undermine the effort to include student voices in bringing forward matters that affected them. Since that time, I have heard from a legislative assistant, who was a former student representative at his community college, that he struggled to get his community college to listen to let alone address, student concerns. So, I strongly advocate for the passage of SB 1358.

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