



OREGON LEGISLATIVE BIPOC CAUCUS

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Chair Frederick, Vice-Chair Weber, and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

The BIPOC Caucus is in support of HB 4154A, the Regular Attendance bill.

For session, we released our policy agenda that focuses on protecting people and addressing injustice, making it clear that Oregon will not turn its back on the communities that make our state strong.

HB 4154A grew out of the chronic absenteeism workgroup led by our late colleague Representative Hòa Nguyễn along with Senator Suzanne Weber – both educators who understand the importance of tackling chronic absenteeism. Simply because kids can't learn if they're not in school, and studies have shown time and time again that attendance is a key predictor of a range of student outcomes from graduation, workforce readiness, to family stability.

What HB 4154A does is align Oregon with national best practices of counting students after 10 days of enrollment and direct the Department of Education to report the attendance data they already have on a quarterly basis. By being able to track patterns as they emerge and address them in real time, we can ensure that children do not fall through the cracks, especially our most vulnerable.

The BIPOC Caucus is in support of HB 4154A because it aligns with our commitment to closing the opportunity gap for Oregon youth. **We urge your support of HB 4154A, the Regular Attendance bill.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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