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Senate Committee on Education  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**Subject: Support for SB 1538**

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

Oregon Pride in Business (ORPIB) is the LGBTQIA2S+ Chamber of Commerce for Oregon and Southwest Washington whose members include business owners and professionals.

ORPIB urges your support for SB 1538 for the following reasons:

**Safe and Secure Learning Environments Strengthen Oregon's Business Climate**

Students should feel safe in public education settings so they can focus on learning rather than fear. When students are able to engage fully in their coursework, without concern that they or their classmates may be targeted due to citizenship or immigration status, they are better positioned to succeed academically and contribute meaningfully to Oregon's economy. A stable, inclusive educational environment helps Oregon cultivate the next generation of workers, entrepreneurs, and business leaders.

**Clarity, Consistency, and Equity Are Economic Assets**

By establishing uniform expectations for school districts and reinforcing principles of nondiscrimination, SB 1538 promotes trust in public institutions and affirms ORPIB's commitment to justice, equity, and anti-racism. ORPIB stands in solidarity with immigrant communities and supports policies that allow all students to learn, thrive, and participate fully in society. An economy grounded in fairness and opportunity is one that benefits businesses, workers, and communities across the state.

Thank you for your consideration of this important bill.

Sincerely,

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