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Education Advocates Support HB 2154 A

In 2012, the legislature passed SB 1581 requiring all education entities to enter into achievement compacts. However, the bill did not guarantee post-secondary faculty, staff and student involvement in the development of the achievement compacts. This oversight means the knowledge and experiences of faculty, staff and students at Oregon's post-secondary institutions have been left out of a process designed to help the state meet its 40-40-20 goals.

HB 2154 A fixes this oversight by requiring community colleges and public universities to form achievement compact advisory committees.

SB 1581 also required the governing body of an education entity to ensure open communication with a number of interested parties, including parents. In recognizing the fundamental differences between K-12 and post-secondary institutions, HB 2154 A clarifies that open communication is required with interested parties the governing body deems appropriate. For example, it would be difficult and possibly inappropriate to openly communicate with the parents of every post-secondary student.

Faculty, staff and students play a vital role at Oregon's community colleges and public universities. They deserve a seat at the table!

Vote YES on HB 2154 A

From the desk of Rep. Chris Gorsek