

TO CHAIR WILLIAMSON, VICE -CHAIRS GORSEK AND SPRENGER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

FROM: Linda Lybecker, Member of the American Association of University Women of Oregon
RE: Support for House Bill 2562

I write this in support of House Bill 2562.

A state as large as Oregon needs more than one-quarter FTE State Title IX Coordinator at the Oregon Department of Education overseeing Title IX enforcement and prevention of gender-based harassment and discrimination in all of our K-12 schools. This position is important support to local schools that should provide guidance on a broad range of issues in order to help schools provide each student equal opportunities.

Title IX reaches a broad range of important matters, including sexual harassment and bullying, athletics, girls only classes, access to STEM and CTE programs and more. It impacts girls and boys, members of the LGBTQ and non-binary communities, and staff. Regardless of the breadth of the law, our state has yet to develop state-wide training programs or continuing education programs for school-site Title IX Coordinators. These school-site Title Coordinators also have no consistent vehicle for sharing resources or communicating with each other about the factual situations they are presented with or how to keep up with the latest best practices.

I urge you to support HB 2562.

Respectfully,

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