



TO: House Committee on Rules  
FROM: Stacy Michaelson, East Multnomah County Schools  
DATE: April 10, 2019  
RE: HB 2824

Chair Holvey, Members of the Committee:

For the record, I'm Stacy Michaelson, and I represent six school districts in East Multnomah County: Centennial, Corbett, David Douglas, Gresham-Barlow, Parkrose, and Reynolds, as well as Multnomah ESD. Collectively, these districts serve over 40,000 students.

In these districts, as well as many others around the state, student updates are a regular occurrence at board meetings, with some boards having a seat dedicated to a student representative. In the K-12 world, we find it invaluable to ensure a student voice is present when discussing matters that will impact our students. I believe this was made clear as the Joint Committee on Student Success traveled around the state this past summer, prioritizing meetings with local students.

However, there are many areas outside of K-12 that impact youth in our state. To that end, we support the concept of creating a dedicated space for youth to weigh in on state policy in an impactful manner. We know firsthand how bright and thoughtful our young people are, and we believe they have a great deal to add to our state policy discussions.

Thank you.