

To: Joint Committee of Student Success

From: Angela Hess

Date:5-6-19

Re: Opposition to HB 2876-1 (Coordinated Comprehensive School Counseling Program)

I am writing in opposition to House Bill 2871-1.

I oppose HB 2441 because:

- This bill does not match current rule for Comprehensive School Counseling (OAR 581-022-2060) that each school is also required to provide a comprehensive school counseling program.
- This bill does not address the gap in training for current SSWs or other licensed personnel to gain the competencies for implementing a comprehensive school counseling program. (Note: PSU is the only SSW preparation provider and they have a policy around not duplicating program components. Therefore, SSW's do not receive the same training as school counselors.
- This bill does not address the Child Development Specialist Programs (OAR 581-021-0013) personnel who are not TSPC licensed and are currently hired to implement a comprehensive school counseling program.
- Districts will need to consider how they advertise open positions for implementing a comprehensive school counseling program. (Note: Current TSPC rule is that SSW's cannot be hired as school counselors.)
- Districts will need to consider revising or developing new job descriptions for personnel who will to implement a comprehensive school counseling program.

Fiscal Impact:

- Districts may need to pay for personnel to get additional training on implementing a comprehensive
- SSW's and other licensed personnel may need to pay for additional training on implementing a comprehensive school counseling program until preparation providers incorporate this training in their programs

I ask/urge that you not support HB 2876-1.

Sincerely,

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