

Date: 1/31/20

To: Honorable Representative Doherty & Education Committee members

Title: Chair, House Committee on Education Oregon State Legislature

RE: Support for House Bill 4140

Dear Representative Doherty and other members of House Committee on Education,

1. Who are you? Sue Hayes, TBI Liaison for Region 2
  
2. I support this Bill because: I have worked in education for 34 years and with individuals whose lives have been changed by TBI since 1995. Our region has just been chosen to participate in a 4 year CDC research project to determine best approaches for working with individuals with TBI/Concussion. I say this because we as a community (education and medical) are vested in making a difference for individuals who struggle after TBI/Concussion and have tried and researched what works. We use a form to determine accommodations recommended after concussion similar to what is being recommend in HB 4140. This form is our first guide to support our students returning to learn; it is also shared with medical professionals to give them an idea of what schools can do to wrap around a student's physical recovery and continued success at school. I believe all schools should have access to an accommodations form to help make these decisions. This is an easy bill for me to support for our whole region. Better decisions for and with students will be made with the availability of this form.
  
3. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,