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**DATE:** February 2, 2020

**TO:** Honorable Representative Doherty & House Committee on Education

**RE:** Institute for Disability Studies and Policy (IDSP) – POLICY POSITION House Bill 4140

**ISSUER:**

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**IDSP POLICY POSITION FOR HOUSE BILL 4140:**

House Bill 4140 requires the Department of Education to develop a form for public education programs to use when a student has been diagnosed with concussion or other brain injury. EOCIL's IDSP analysts support House Bill 4140 and have concluded it would create significant positive outcomes for youth diagnosed with concussion or other brain injury-based disabilities.

**ISSUER BACKGROUND:**

Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living (EOCIL) is a global cross-disability resource and advocacy center that promotes independent living and equal access for all persons with disabilities.

EOCIL has two primary functions:

1. To operate the IDSP and provide original and scholarly actionable research for disability systems change to enhance independent living, equitable access to services and resources, and universal human rights;
2. To provide peer-based services to people with disabilities living in eastern Oregon. Based in Ontario, Oregon, with additional offices in Pendleton and The Dalles, EOCIL serves consumers in 13 central and eastern Oregon counties: Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco and Wheeler.