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Chair Doherty and Members of the House Committee on Education:

Thank you for this opportunity to speak with you today. My name is Emily Granados, and I am a sophomore at Woodburn High School. I am here to support HB 4132.

To really support students, people need to understand the issues facing youth so they can respond to their needs. The Oregon Student Health Survey gives students who want to participate the opportunity to anonymously and safely tell their schools about what is going on for them. If we know the specific challenges youth are dealing with we can bring programs and education that addresses those things.

I am glad that this bill requires that youth are included in the development of the survey because people who aren't youth don't know what we're thinking or what issues feel most important to us. As a member of the Planned Parenthood Teen Council, I have been trained to become a peer educator who can lead classroom presentations on things like consent and healthy relationships. I have heard a lot about emotional and verbal abuse in relationships recently. I would like to see the survey ask questions on that and whether students know what the red flags are. Adding different experiences and people's voices into the process will help make the survey better and more relevant to students' lives.

I hope this committee votes yes on HB 4132.

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