

Letter of testimony for SB 513 regarding Civics Education in Oregon.

As a member of AAUW of Oregon in the Gresham Area Branch I urge your support of SB 513. Civix education in Oregon high schools is abysmal at best and generally non-existent. No consistency exists for how, when or required classroom time exists to educate our young people as to their responsibility as a US citizen in the US participatory system of government. We hear a lot about “rights”, but little if anything regarding OUR responsibility. To have our democracy survive and thrive the US and Oregon in particular must instruct our upcoming voting population as to how our system of government operates. It is shameful that naturalized citizens have better knowledge of our system government than those born here. Is it any wonder that senior citizen turn out is better than other segments of our population? We all experienced required civics education. Let’s do so once again. Please support SB 513.

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