

I encourage legislators to pass this historic bill to affirm and celebrate our Indigenous students' identities in school. This bill will work to uplift tribal sovereignty and positively reinforce student identity. It is a fitting complement to the partnership that Oregon tribal nations and ODE have developed through SB13: Tribal History Shared History. As we work to set up more culturally sustaining practices throughout Oregon and the US, it is necessary that our policy reflect our values. This is one way to connect the two. Thank you.