

Good afternoon, Chair Alonso Leon, Vice Chairs Neron and Weber, and Members of the House Education Committee. For the record, my name is Amanda Jiricek and I am a Junior and a part of the student body government at Tualatin Highschool. I'm supportive of HB 3363 for many reasons, the main being its an amazing way to elevate BIPOC student voices. As a white female I have, for the most part, been able to speak up and share my experiences easily. For others this act is not as easy, and even if/when they speak out, not as many people are listening. This counsel will ensure that someone of importance is listening, and its a great opportunity for students to create the change they wish to see in the world, without being pushed to the side because their voice "wasn't loud enough". Everyone deserves to have their voice be heard. Thank you again for your time and opportunity to testify today. I urge you to vote yes on HB 3363.