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TO: Senate Education Committee
FR: Parasa Chanramy, COSA
RE: Letter of Support for [HB 2052](#)

Good afternoon, Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Thomsen, and Members of the Senate Education Committee:

For the record, my name is Parasa Chanramy. I'm the Legislative Director for the Coalition of Oregon School Administrators.

On behalf of our 2500 members across the state, we urge you to support House Bill 2052, which would require school districts to allow students to wear tribal regalia and items of cultural significance at public school events.

Having a state law that requires school districts to allow our American Indian and Alaska Native students to wear their tribal regalia and items of cultural significance is an important, and much needed, step towards affirming their tribal history, community, culture, and heritage.

This bill, in addition to the work happening through the Tribal History/Shared History Initiative, Tribal Attendance Project, and the American Indian and Alaska Native Student Success Plan are crucial in elevating culturally responsive practices and approaches that affirm and support the success and well-being of our American Indian and Alaska Native students.

As a professional association, we are committed to working with the Tribal Communities, Oregon Department of Education, and many other stakeholders around the state to ensure that our schools are creating welcoming, inclusive and culturally responsive learning communities for our American Indian and Alaska Native students.

We strongly urge you to support House Bill 2052.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today.