

I support equitable and inclusive ways of identifying talented and gifted children in the state of Oregon. Gifted and talented programs risk missing the exact kids they could be most valuable to—those in underserved communities. We cannot expect our schools to run TAG without consistent resources and equitable approaches to both identification of kids and implementation of these programs. I am so glad the legislature is addressing this important issue. We've consistently seen a gap (racial and socioeconomic) in these programs and implementing better systems will help address this gap. Our talented and bright kids are languishing right now. Thank you for supporting this bill.