



February 3, 2022

Representative Teresa Alonso Leon, Chair  
House Committee on Education  
OR State Legislature

**RE: OR HB4091**

Dear Chair Alonso Leon and Respected Members of the Oregon House Committee on Education,

On behalf of Pacific University, I would like to offer this written testimony in support of HB4091, which establishes the formation of an advisory group to develop and implement a plan to address historical disparities in educational outcomes for Native Hawai'ian or Pacific Islander students in Oregon.

Pacific University has received a Minority Serving Institution designation from the U.S. Dept. of Education for the *Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) Program* and the *Strengthening Institutions Program* for several years, and we currently have an AANAPISI grant available through the U.S. Department of Education to support student-related services and infrastructure.

Pacific University strongly supports HB4091. The resources and targeted interventions outlined in the bill are essential to Pacific Islander Student success. We are committed to partnering on the work to make this initiative happen and would appreciate an opportunity to serve on the advisory group.

Thank you for the privilege of providing this testimony.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ann Barr-Gillespie".

Ann Barr-Gillespie  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

