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Oregon House of Representatives

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For the record, my name is Nathan Sosa, State Representative for House District 30, and I am here to provide testimony in support of House Bill 4114.

Every year, hundreds of elected and appointed public officials are required to submit a Statement of Economic Interest. The SEI contains information such as the sources of their income, businesses they own, significant debts they owe, and much else. The reason for this filing is to promote transparency and avoid conflicts of interest.

The list of officials who have to file an SEI is extensive. It includes legislators, judges, city and county officials, members of numerous volunteer commissions, and many others. Yet, there is one glaring exception.

School board members are not on the list of SEI filers. This oversight should be rectified because these individuals collectively oversee billions of public sector dollars and thousands of employees in school districts all across Oregon.

As a former chair of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, I see this bill as a much-needed common-sense measure that brings school boards in line with other bodies entrusted with the responsibility of managing our public resources.

I urge you to preserve trust in our school boards by passing HB 4114.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nathan Sosa".