

Dear Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Weber, and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

My name is Lottie Rohde, I am a senior at Churchill High School in Eugene.

I support SB 421 because I believe a statewide Racial Justice and Equity Student Collaborative is essential to the future of Oregon.

Youths have a critical idea of what is in need throughout Oregon. But this group will only be efficient if there is full diversity in the representation of Oregon youth. Including geographical representation from every part of the state, LGBTQ+, disabled, tribal youth, BIPOC, English language learning, those navigating poverty, and those aged 11-21.

We are the future, we need to have a say in what policies are being made that will affect us. I have seen too many broken promises of policies that will “be in support of youth voices”. Now is the time to stand with us.

Thank you so much for your time. I urge you to vote YES on SB 421.

- Lottie Rohde