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Oregon's young people deserve as many educational pathways as possible, and a GED option is vital if our state is going to meet that obligation. Our school system is not a one-size-fits-all system. Some youth simply do not perform well or thrive in that environment and the opportunity for them to show they have attained the skill level and competency level to move on with their lives without having to be forced to stay in our system should not be withheld. The ability to pursue college early, attend a trade school or take a full time job should not be denied for those who are capable of doing so. Please pass this Bill which will enable young Oregonians who have matured earlier than a rigid system would identify them as such to break out of an unsatisfactory situation and recognize them for the skill and capability they have attained.

Thank you.