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To: Oregon House Education Committee
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Subject: Testimony in Support of [House Bill 3041](#)

Good Afternoon, Chair Neron, Vice Chairs Dobson and McIntire, and Members of the House Education Committee:

For the record, my name is Parasa Chanramy with the Coalition of Oregon School Administrators. Our membership organization represents 3,000 administrators who are school principals, central office administrators, and superintendents. In addition to our work in policy, advocacy, and professional learning work, we also lead the largest administrator preparation program – with over 400 aspiring administrators – in our state, in partnership with the University of Oregon.

We are here to speak in support of House Bill 3041. We believe that this bill will be critical to streamlining the Educator Advancement Council’s administrative processes and operations.

The purpose of the Educator Advancement Council (EAC) is to provide professional learning resources and other support for efforts to align, coordinate, and improve educator advancement and effectiveness across the P-20 system.

For context, the Council’s current intergovernmental agreement (IGA) is between six entities:

- Oregon Department of Education (ODE);
- Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC);
- Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC);
- Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC);
- One school district;
- One education service district.

Although filled with the best intentions, the IGA in current practice – which is required by statute ([ORS 342.940](#)) – has created a number of challenges when it comes to administrative processes and operations.

For example: Any revision to the current IGA is a long and resource intensive process.



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Over the last several years, the laws governing the Council have been amended five times, and "...despite hundreds of staff hours working on revisions, numerous Council discussions, and thousands of dollars spent on legal consultation with the Department of Justice, the IGA has not been formally updated at any point between 2019 and 2024. The COVID-19 pandemic coincided with the critical early years of launching the EAC, and significant turnover of the EAC Executive Director between 2019 and 2024 has further slowed this time and resource intensive process, which has not kept pace with legislative cycles and member terms" (EAC Memo, October 18, 2024).

This bill would remove the requirement for the intergovernmental agreement, while still maintaining Council's current purpose and powers. In doing so, we believe that this change is necessary to help streamline the Council's administrative processes and operations so that they can dedicate more time and resources to their core mission.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 3041.