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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3012
Chair Bowman, Vice-Chair Drazan and Vice-Pham and Committee Members,

I strongly oppose this bill. Teenagers, especially those aged 16-17, lack the maturity and cognitive development needed to make decisions that will have long-term effects. These decisions not only affect their own education but also the education of thousands of other students. At this age, they don't have the ability to fully understand the consequences of their choices, which is why they can't legally sign contracts.

Furthermore, students are not taxpayers and should not have a say in how taxpayer money is spent. Taxpayers deserve to have the final say on this, and allowing non-taxpayers to vote undermines the value of their vote.

Students should not be pressured for political reasons in schools. Oregon's schools are already struggling, ranked 49th out of 50 states in educational achievement. School time should be focused on improving academic success to better prepare students for future employment and higher education.

I urge you to vote no on this bill.

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