

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

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House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB3012

Chair Bowman, Vice Chair Drazan, Vice Chair Pham and members of the House Committee on Rules: My name is Andrew Guidry, and I live in Portland, Oregon. I am writing to testify in strong support of the Student Voice and Democracy Act, HB 3012, which will allow registered 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in local school board elections, giving students a voice in their education and strengthening our democracy.

We know that 16- and 17-year-olds are active members of their communities and care deeply about their schools. However, students are also one of the only demographics who are unable to vote for their direct representatives. As students are the primary recipients of school board decisions, it is important that they have a say in who represents them. This would allow students to celebrate school board members who are champions for their issues and hold school board members who do not accurately represent them accountable.

We have the opportunity to be advance student's rights across the nation. We can start now, but only if you pass HB 3012. Please vote yes to pass HB 3012 out of committee.

Thank you,  
Andrew Guidry