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Chair Bowman, Vice Chair Drazan, Vice Chair Pham and members of the House Committee on Rules,
My name is Josiah Van Dam, and I live in NE Portland. I am writing to testify in strong support of the Student Voice and Democracy Act, HB 3012.
I believe allowing registered 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in local school board elections would
give students a critical voice in their education thereby strengthening our democracy!
Creating a habit of civic involvement early will foster a deeper connection to voting that will last a lifetime. We trust 16 year olds to drive, go to work and pay taxes. We can trust them to vote in local school board election that directly effect them. My son will one day be 16, and I want for him to be able to participate in our democracy. I would very much like to see the Student Voice and Democracy Act passed out of committee.
Thank you, for your time and consideration.
- Josiah Van Dam