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Chair Frederick, Vice Chair Weber and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Willis Homann, I am a Government Relations Specialist with Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA). Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 141. OSEA represents 25,000 classified employees including library assistants, cooks, bus drivers, maintenance crews, information technology and instructional assistants. Our jobs are varied but our mission is focused: provide for the best possible support in the education of the students.

SB 141 is the culmination of months of work and partnership between ODE and education advocates at all levels of Oregon k-12 education system, from stakeholders who represent administrators, school board members, teachers, classified staff, legislators and community members. We thank Dr. Williams and the Governor's office for the inclusive table and participation in this meaningful process as we seek to improve outcomes for every Oregon student.

Oregon's public education system is complicated, with 197 independent school districts and many different communities with unique needs. The flexibility and transparency SB 141 offers is heartening to see in the conversation of accountability. However, we hope that this is just a first step in our exploration of solutions to the need for accountability in Oregon's education system and the need to accurately fund our schools.

We look forward to continuing the conversation around supports for schools that are struggling by considering staff support, caseloads and class sizes, as well as the traditional measurements of accountability. SB 141 makes progress towards ensuring accountability in our public education system.

Once again, we would like to thank the Governor for her inclusive process bringing this bill to the table, and we urge your support on SB 141.

Thank you for your consideration,

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