



April 7, 2025

Chair Lew Frederick
Vice-Chair Suzanne Weber
Members of the Senate Education Committee

RE: Support for SB 141 – Renewing Oregon’s K-12 Accountability System

Dear Chair Frederick, Vice-Chair Weber, and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

On behalf of the Oregon Business Council (OBC), I write to express support for SB 141, a bill that represents a critical step forward in strengthening Oregon’s K-12 public education system. As a statewide business leadership organization committed to a thriving, inclusive economy, OBC recognizes that a strong education system is foundational to workforce readiness, economic mobility, and community well-being.

Oregon has made important investments in K-12 education over the last decade. Now, it is imperative that we match those investments with robust accountability systems that ensure public resources translate into improved outcomes for all students. SB 141 provides a thoughtful, equity-centered approach to measuring and supporting school and district performance, ensuring all Oregon students have access to high-quality instruction and learning environments.

We are especially encouraged by the bill’s emphasis on:

- **Reading and math proficiency**, ensuring every student builds foundational skills in the early grades;
- **High-quality interim assessments**, to guide student growth and adjust instruction in real-time;
- **Clear accountability frameworks** that connect budgeting and planning with student outcomes;
- **A system of support and intervention** that helps struggling districts receive needed support.

OBC believes that reading and math proficiency are critical academic foundations for lifelong learning and economic prosperity. With Oregon student outcomes lagging national averages, I urge the Legislature to act with urgency. SB 141 is an important step in the right

direction—one that brings clarity, consistency, and coherence to our state's education improvement efforts.

I appreciate the commitment of Governor Kotek and the Legislature to improve education accountability and student outcomes. I urge your support for SB 141 to advance this critical work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Duncan Wyse". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Duncan Wyse
President
Oregon Business Council