



**April 7, 2025**

Chair Courtney Neron  
Vice-Chair April Dobson  
Vice-Chair Emily McIntire  
Members of the House Education Committee

**RE: Support for HB 2009 – Renewing Oregon’s K-12 Accountability System**

Dear Chair Neron, Vice-Chair Dobson, Vice-Chair McIntire, and Members of the House Education Committee,

On behalf of the Oregon Business Council (OBC), I write to express support for HB 2009, 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. HB 2009 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. HB 2009 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 HB 2009 to advance this critical work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Duncan Wyse", with a stylized, flowing script.

Duncan Wyse  
President  
Oregon Business Council