



April 7, 2025

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

**RE: 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,

As the Policy Director at Foundations for a Better Oregon (FBO), I am honored to provide my enthusiastic support for HB 2009. FBO is a partnership of five major Oregon philanthropic organizations committed to ensuring Oregon's systems support every child to learn, grow, and thrive.

**HB 2009 reflects the deep collaboration and continuous co-creation between the Governor's office, Oregon Department of Education and key stakeholders which has resulted in the revised and amended bill we have in front of us now in -4.**

Through statewide, independent, and nonpartisan public opinion polling, we have learned that **Oregonians understand and overwhelmingly support the connection between K-12 accountability and student success.** Oregonians want schools to set and reach goals to improve academic achievement for students, and they want the K-12 system to take an active role in providing the guidance and support schools need to reach their goals.

This bill also appreciates the shared nature of K-12 accountability by recognizing that the **Oregon Department of Education must also commit to improvement by completing a robust streamlining of hundreds of K-12 regulations, data collections, and grant programs.** Removing the burden of redundancy allows frontline educators and administrators to focus on what matters most: improving student outcomes.

Now is the time to translate public dollars into success for Oregon's students and the future of our state.

**We urge the committee to vote and move HB 2009 -4 forward today.**

Sincerely,

Anna Higgins

*Anna Higgins*

Anna Higgins  
Director of Policy & Systems Strategy  
Foundations for a Better Oregon

123 NE 3rd Ave.  
Suite 208  
Portland, OR 97232

[betteroregon.org](http://betteroregon.org)

