

# HB 4154: ATTENDANCE BILL

**Clearer data. Stronger support. No new burdens.**

Chief Sponsors: Representative Wise, Representative Dobson,  
Representative Rieke Smith, Senator Reynolds, Senator Frederick

## WHY ATTENDANCE?

Attendance is a key predictor of graduation, workforce readiness, and family stability. **Kids can't learn if they're not in school.**

### What the bill does:

- **Aligns Oregon with national best practice:** counts students after 10 days of enrollment for reporting purposes.
- **Requires quarterly public reporting:** the same schedule schools already use.
- **No new burden for schools:** ODE already collects this data for federal purposes.

### Why it matters:

- **OR has the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest rates of chronic absenteeism in the nation:** over  $\frac{1}{3}$  of students miss  $> 10\%$  of school days.
- **Current data is reported the following school year:** too late for intervention.
- **Quarterly reporting = earlier support.**



**Oregon currently requires students to be enrolled 75 days before their attendance "counts." Most states use 10 days.**

**Aligning Oregon with national best practice produces more accurate, comparable data.**

## THE BIG TAKEAWAY

HB 4154 is one of the first major steps in rebuilding a long-term student success strategy. It provides clearer data, more accountability, and earlier opportunities to support students and families, without creating new burdens for schools

From the Office of Rep Lamar Wise: