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Oregon House Votes to Support Students

\$30 million for Summer Learning and Educational Assistance for Foster Youth both pass the House with strong bipartisan support

SALEM, Ore. – This week, the Oregon House of Representatives passed a series of bills investing in Oregon’s students, especially those historically underserved in our education system. Both HB 4082 and HB 4084 passed with strong bipartisan support.

“As a teacher of over 42 years and as a Legislator, I have been steadfast in my commitment to ensuring that students have the tools needed for success,” said **Rep. Susan McLain (D-Forest Grove), the primary Chief Sponsor of both bills.** “I know what passage of these two bills will mean for our students, especially our most vulnerable students.”

HB 4082 - \$30 Million for Summer Learning Programs

From Oregon’s smallest rural schools to our largest urban schools, Summer Learning programs provide safe, healthy, and enriching resources for Oregon students during the summer months. For students who need extra help to succeed, Summer Learning Programs make sure they don’t get left behind. In addition to providing \$30 million for programs this summer, HB 4082 also requires the Oregon Department of Education to study the establishment of Summer Learning as a permanent part of Oregon’s K-12 system.

HB 4084 - Educational Assistance for Foster Youth

The graduation rate for foster youth in Oregon over the last seven years ranges between 35% and 46%. To support students in foster care through graduation, HB 4084 creates a pilot program in partnership with Anthony's Circle and Self Enhancement, Inc. to provide academic and wrap-around assistance.

“Students in foster care face complex, systemic challenges that can keep them from succeeding in school. Our education system does not do enough to support these foster youth, and this bill is the first step to changing that reality in Oregon,” said **Rep. McLain.**

HB 4082 just passed the Senate and HB 4084 now heads to the Senate Floor.

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