



April 10, 2023

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Timothy G. Sekerak  
Chief Clerk of the House  
State Capitol Building  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation – HB 2281 A-Engrossed

Chief Clerk Sekerak,

HB 2281 will disproportionately have a negative impact on our small rural school districts. Our small school districts already struggle with the workload given to them by various state and federal laws. Adding another hat to wear might be the straw that breaks the camel's back. It is not uncommon to see the superintendent of the district also be the principle of one of the schools in the district, where there is no vice-principle to assist them. That superintendent might also have to wear the hat of any number of other positions that would be separate jobs in a larger school district.

HB 2281 will give the severely limited staff of our rural small school districts another hat to juggle. This will further divide their attention that is much needed on aspects of keeping the school running and the goal of providing the best education to our students. Our schools already do this work, why add another job to the already growing list.

Oregon Department of Education says this position is needed as point person for them to contact at the district. I question then how they do this work currently without this position. If these civil rights coordinators are so necessary now, why hasn't there been such a need for them in the previous years?

Best

Bobby Levy, HD 58