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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 14, 2023

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

RE: Vote Explanation on HB 2740 - A ^{sc}

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I write to explain my "Nay" vote on HB 2740.

HB2740 removes local control from democratically elected community college boards.

The Oregon Community College Association opposes HB 2740 and so does Chemeketa Community College which serves my district.

They oppose this because the rigid multiplier does not reflect the differences between full-time faculty workload and part-time faculty workload, which is determined at the local college level based on collective bargaining agreements and student and community needs.

The existing statute states: "The combination of duties that comprises a 1.0 FTE in any given discipline or academic activity shall be determined by the governing body of the institution in which the academic employee is employed." And that is how it should be determined, not by the state.

Our Chemeketa Community College Board consists of 7 volunteers who are elected from zones in our district to govern the college. Therefore HB 2740 is trying to remove decision making power from our local democratically elected board members and put that power in the hands of the state.

These locally elected boards are responsible for making budget and policy governance decisions at the local level as representatives of the community college district voters. I oppose changing this governing authority and replacing it with a rigid, statewide multiplier that is mandated by the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ed Diehl".

Representative Ed Diehl