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**VOTE EXPLANATION**

April 15, 2021

Timothy G. Sekerak

Chief Clerk of the House

State Capitol Building, H271

Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on my NO VOTE for HB 2954

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

It was a difficult decision to vote no on HB 2954. I joined my four other colleagues in this no vote with the hope that it flags the issues discussed for the Senate, so that the needed change can occur there, and the amended bill can come back for concurrence. I would encourage everyone to look at the Minority Report filed by the Minority Party and the very simple change from 3% to 4%.

If this Covid Pandemic has taught us anything within the learning spectrum is that our kids need to have the choice. Our students need to have the ability to learn virtually. Currently, virtual charter students are 3.9% of the total. The Minority Report would allow that level of access to remain at 4%. The base bill will take it down to and set it at 3%.

Finally and for more information, I would encourage individuals to watch the House Floor debate on the Minority Report and base bill.

Respectfully,

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