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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

February 28, 2022

Chief Clerk Sekerak  
Oregon State Capitol

RE: Vote explanation for HB 4124 (B-Engrossed)

Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I wish to submit the following explanation for my vote on HB 4124 (B-Engrossed)

HB 4124 (B-Engrossed) requires the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to survey academic assessments administered by school districts, establish best practices related to district-level assessments, and make recommendations regarding the use of assessments. The measure requires a report to the Legislature and to the State Board of Education by May 1, 2024. It also appropriates \$193,482 to the Department of Education for one limited-duration position to conduct the survey and provide the required report.

Why is the legislature putting into statute that ODE must do their job? I find it hard to believe that ODE does not have an existing person that could research this.

It is a good idea, but not one that required Legislative action or more taxpayer money, therefore I voted no.

Regards,

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