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OREGON STATE SENATE

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Obadiah Rutledge
Secretary of the Senate

RE: Vote Explanation for Senate Bill 302

Dear Secretary Rutledge,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my vote explanation for Senate Bill 302. I voted no on this bill in committee and on the floor for several reasons. The administrators and kindergarten educators I spoke with were concerned with the broadness of the language of the bill. I sought their advice and they shared they would recommend a no vote. They let me know that the curriculum they teach already has built in assessments, tied to learning. The only assessment not related to curriculum is the EZCBM for dyslexia screening that must be administered to all kindergartners. The state should not be using assessments that do not meet criteria already established by the Oregon Department of Education. Doing the research and required reporting of this bill felt like an unnecessary use of time and dollars for all involved. I am excited that the Governor's office, ODE and the legislature are putting a focus on shared accountability for our K-12 public school system in SB 141. This is a big lift for all involved. We need to remain focused and flexible in this work. We must also provide the ability for ODE to dedicate time and staff to making sure the accountability work is done well.

For these reasons I voted no on Senate Bill 302.

Thank you,

Senator Janeen Sollman
Senate District 15