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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 24, 2014

Dear Members of the Board of Education,

Please give consideration to adopting the High School Study Abroad rule proposed by Dave Porter in his written public comment for your March 6-7 Board meeting. He proposes as Oregon Administrative Rule 581-023-0250: High School Study Abroad:

"For the purpose of calculating Average Daily Membership (ADM) used in the distribution of State School Funds, a school district may count high school students studying abroad on programs approved and paid for by the school district."

As I currently understand, it is not clear in either rules or statutes whether or not a school district can count the high school students they might fund for high school years abroad in their ADM calculation for the distribution of State School Funds. I urge you to make it clear that school districts can count these students. If you find that statutes prohibit the Board from adopting such a rule, please let me know which statutes create the problems.

I strongly support finding more ways to get Oregon high school students studying abroad, especially for low income students and students of color. It would be good for the students and good for Oregon.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Representative Jules Bailey