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House Passes Read Bill to Help High School Students Seek Options for Post-Secondary Training and Education

SALEM – The Oregon House today passed House Bill 2732 that will help and encourage graduating high school students to take a proactive step toward their future, whether that be applying to college or seeking information about apprenticeships or military service. Authored by Representative Tobias Read (D-Beaverton), the bill passed 33-29.

Read pointed out that in Oregon and the nation, high school students who pursue any kind of additional educational or job training options have a significantly lower unemployment rate, particularly among women.

“Too many of our high school students don’t know where to go or how to get there. This bill urges them to move forward. It requires them to think about their future,” said Read. “It ensures that they will not succumb to the fear of failure or rejection – or the fear of the difficulty of paying for post-secondary training. This is clearly a step forward in providing a more educated and talented work force.”

Former educator, Representative Margaret Doherty, said the bill provided new paths for students who may need encouragement to move forward with post-high school education.

“Every one of us knows that graduating from high school is just the beginning of a successful work career. This bill recognizes that our students should always be aware of their options and always encouraged to seek more out of their lives,” said Doherty (D-Tigard).

Read was joined by a coalition of Democrats and Republicans in passing the legislation which now moves to the Senate for consideration.

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