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Testimony in support of HB 4090
Senate Committee on Education and Workforce Development
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Chair Hass, Vice Chair Knopp and members of the Committee:

The Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs supports HB 4090 to expand the school lunch program. Latino children who have higher rates of poverty face some of the most pronounced rates of food insecurity and would benefit greatly from increased access to healthy nutritious foods. If our children are to be competitive academically, we need to ensure that they are ready to learn. This includes ensuring the provision of healthy meals in schools which in turn help to ameliorate the effects of food deserts where many of our children are forced to live.

We urge you to vote yes for HB 4090 as a key support for young learners.

Sincerely,

Alberto Moreno, Chair