

Thursday, April 23, 2015

Re: HB 2186, HR C: Senate Education

Hello Chair Roblan, members of the Committee: Thank you for holding the hearing on HB 2186. For the record, I am State Representative Betty Komp, representing House District 22, Woodburn, Gervais and North Salem.

In 2011, we passed Senate bill 290- there was not clarifying language typifying that the bill would pertain to all teachers in our state. Charter schools were not included in the professional development that was included in Senate bill 290.

Oregon school districts are now implementing new educator evaluation systems to provide ongoing professional learning, and growth and collaboration with the goal of continuous improvement. If we don't have well prepared teachers we won't be able to fully serve our students. HB 2186 ensures charter schools are included in that professional development.

Thank you.