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Honorable Education Committee Chairman and Legislators:

I am speaking today about two bills affecting childrens' health in the schools.

SB 282 places screen time limits on wireless devices in classrooms.

SB 283 exposes and addresses the harmful health effects of Wi-Fi radiation especially on children at school.

The House form of this last bill, HB 3352, asks for the appropriate response and declares an emergency.

Unlike when I was growing up, we are now all immersed in electromagnetic smog from cell towers, Wi-Fi, cellphones, laptops and "smart" electric meters. This is placing our children at considerable risk.

When Pacific Power installed our Smart Meter I immediately experienced almost constant heart palpitations, until I finally had the meter exchanged but had to pay \$169 to return to my old non-pulsing meter.

Among children there is an escalation of headaches, eye ailments behavioral problems, ADHD and other health problems. This spurred a group of Oregon parents to take action. They looked at peer- reviewed, independently funded studies of the effects of exposure to microwave radiation in schools.

Go to <u>www.bioinitiative.org</u> there are hundreds of studies exposing these harmful health effects.

Another source of independent information is Environmental Health Trust (EH Trust. Org) on that website there is a document of doctors' letters to schools and many other informative articles with references to studies.

The parent group drafted these bills which are sponsored by Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson of Gresham.

Please support the bills and make sure they are scheduled for work sessions. I remind you, because of their smaller brain size, children are more vulnerable to electromagnetic radiation. Thank you for your dedication and work to ensure the best for our public schools.

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