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House Committee on Education
Rep. Teresa Alonso Leon, Chair
900 Court St. NE
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Dear Chair Alonso Leon and members of the committee:

The Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA) represents more than 22,000 workers in nearly all levels of public education, including Head Start programs, K-12 school districts, ESDs and community colleges. OSEA members perform many of the thankless tasks that keep Oregon public schools safe and functional for students, administrators and teachers.

Because school employees work so closely with students every day, they recognize that the challenges a student faces may not be easy to talk about, but they are often things that we can make smart policy choices to address. House Bill (HB) 3294 is a great example of a direct solution to a clear and solvable problem for many Oregon students. This bill provides a reasoned pathway to lessen a burden on students, which will make it easier for them to succeed in our schools and easier for educators to help them overcome other challenges.

Right now, we are all working to recover from the effects of a worldwide pandemic that has disproportionately hurt students who were already facing greater barriers to educational success. In that context, it will come as no surprise that educators like the members of OSEA enthusiastically support taking meaningful steps to reduce stresses on our students and give them the greatest possible chance at a bright future.

OSEA strongly urges your support for HB 3294.

Thank you for your attention,

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