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To: House Committee on Rules
From: Richard Donovan, Legislative Services Specialist
Re: House Bill 2708
Date: February 2, 2023

Chair Fahey, Vice Chairs Breese-Iverson and Kropf, members of the committee:

On behalf of the OSBA membership, including 197 school districts and 19 Education Service Districts, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill 2708.

HB 2708 would designate the first full week in March as “Classified School Employees Week,” and would encourage communities to recognize “the essential, daily contributions of classified school employees to the success of the children of this state,” specifically during that week.

Classified employees are crucial members of every school community in Oregon. They do some of the most challenging and least glamorous work in schools. They make meaningful, long-lasting connections with students. And they make sure students and school buildings are safe, clean, welcoming learning environments.

At OSBA, we support individual recognition. OSBA members may nominate a classified employee to be recognized as the Support Professional of the Year. However, while we are happy to highlight and award the work of one classified employee at OSBA, it is also true the hard work of all classified school employees deserves recognition across Oregon.

Please support HB 2708.