

Submitter: Sharie Lewis
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Education
Measure: HB2750

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in regard to HB 2750. I would like to oppose HB 2750 because it would cause hardship for our district. We currently are a medium to small sized district in the state located near the Portland airport. Athletic fees and fundraising are necessary in our agency in order for our athletes to get some of the extra items needed. Without the ability to ask for fundraising our students would lack uniforms and equipment for such things as basketball, band, football, wrestling, etc.. Our current SIA is paying for elementary PE coaches, equity coaches, middle school sports, educational assistant and teacher for special needs classroom, and outside partnership with Elevate who assist our BIPOC students at the elementary schools. So by asking the SIA to start paying for other athletic expenses would require our district to eliminate our equity focused activities we are currently doing in SIA to athletics. Here is additional information about our district: we are around 65 - 70% students of color, 75 - 80% poverty, have 40 + languages in our district and our current enrollment is approximately 2,900.

Thank you for this opportunity and if you have any questions please feel free to reach me at lewissha@parkrose.k12.or.us - 503-408-2103, Sharie Lewis, CPA , Director of Business Services and Operations.