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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Education  
Measure: HB2646

As an Oregon resident, a Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor and concerned citizen, I support HB 2646, a bill that would provide trainings like Youth MHFA for school employees across the state of Oregon. I urge the Education Committee to move this bill forward, so the individuals who spend countless hours with our students can become trained in a program like MHFA. These trainings would help students by enabling school employees to respond to mental health challenges in a healthy, productive way. As a former crisis program counselor, I have witnessed the impact of increased mental health literacy in our community. The right help at the right time matters and what better place to train caring adults than our schools?