

Submitter: Casey Kulla

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Education

Measure: HB3014

Chair, co-chair, and members of the committee,

I urge you to support HB 3014, which will give school districts flexibility to use transportation funds on options for getting students to and from school that fit the community. We need flexibility, we need safety, and we need transportation options that get students moving and build community. As an example, I share the bike bus. I joined Coach Balto at the Alameda Elementary School bike bus last year. I rode alongside students, parents, younger siblings, grandparents, teachers, and caretakers as they cycled and roller-skated to school. It Was Joyful. Just imagine: you have the chance to fund JOY! The bike bus, and other variations, could be expanded to every day, every pick up and drop off, if you move this bill to passage.

Fewer cars in line-ups, less dependency on scarce school bus drivers, and more joy. And, this bill gives rural and suburban areas the flexibility to assemble their own unique responses, too. Thank you so much! - Casey Kulla, farmer in Yamhill County.