

Bill: House Bill 2767

Position: Support

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Dear Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs Hudson and Wright, and members of the House Committee on Education:

I am writing today in support of House Bill 2767, which will create a long-term, sustainable funding and governance model for recovery high schools in Oregon. Recovery high schools provide a safe, supportive education for youth in recovery from substance use and mental health disorders and **it is critical that Oregon begin investing in these life-saving programs.**

HB 2767 is the product of an interim interagency workgroup commissioned by HB 5202 in 2022 and offers a clear, collaborative path forward to expand, support and govern recovery high schools across the state.

I know that recovery schools work because my son graduated from Harmony Academy and the school helped save his life. The school was the lifeline our family was looking for after 2 years of struggling to find him help with his addiction. His first day of sobriety was his first day at Harmony. He is now over 3 years sober, working, and attending college. Just as important he is healthy and happy. His future is bright.

Oregon ranks last in the nation for substance use treatment and recovery support. This legislation provides a cost-effective and proven way to support adolescents in recovery as they work to gain their high school diploma.

I urge your support for House Bill 2767 and ask that you vote **YES** on this critically-needed, thoughtfully-created legislation.

Thank you,

Jamie Zilverberg
(Proud mom of a kid in recovery)