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Thank you for the time to present testimony on SB409. I support this bill. This bill addresses the need for educational curricula for Oregon School districts to be online. My name is Anna Munson, I am a mother and grandmother living in Salem for 40 years.

Putting curriculum online on the school district website-an already established site used by parents and child providers, to interact with the school district will add a much-needed component to benefit all parties: students, parents, and staff. The ability to find the necessary materials for a student's class will make it easier to ensure that the correct materials are purchased, and if additional materials are needed one can simply go on the website and see additional suggestions for the class.

This will rebuild the relationship between school districts and parents and community. Questions of what is being taught will be no longer be a mystery.

Parents would know what a class curriculum is and be able to help their child with their homework assignments and projects. Something very much needed today.

Parents can see where their child may need extra support or tutoring before it becomes an issue and can keep their child on track.

(My experience with this was with my own child, who was falling behind in reading in middle school, I didn't find out that this was a problem until a parent teacher conference which was several months after the problem was first detected).

This will empower parents to assist in their child's education in their home. They don't have to go to the school, which may not be open when they are available, to look at the curriculum or talk to the teacher; but they can see it, in the comfort of their computer and even search online themselves to understand what the topic is trying to teach.

This would help different fundraising groups who provide aid to students and families, either by giving them the exact educational materials needed for classes, or providing tutoring for their participating students. This will also allow these groups to aid middle and high school students who are often overlooked to assist with instructional materials.

I would like to express my support on the proposed amendment to this bill by Sen. Thatcher SB409-4, and SB409-7 that specifies that: "The title, author, publisher and publication date for each textbook and other instructional material on the list adopted by the district school board under ORS 337.120 and used in courses of study offered by the school district" is on the school district website and makes copies of the educational materials online as well.