

Submitter: Blake Goud
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure: HB3014

Hi,

My name is Blake Goud, and I am a parent of a student at Cesar Chavez K-8, a Title I school in North Portland. I have volunteered for the biking and walking bus and want to encourage you to support HB3014. In the time that I have been volunteering for the walking & biking bus at Chavez, it has gained a lot of support from families, kids and other volunteers from the community who really like walking or biking to school together. It gives them additional time with other students, it gives them a chance to get exercise before school, which can help their performance at school.

But the reality for many schools, especially those with a higher proportion of students from families living on lower-incomes, is that the need for volunteer hours to make these options a sustainable transportation method that families can rely on is impossible. The biking and walking school bus can add resilience for families when there are disruptions to the bus service, but it cannot do so if it relies on volunteers alone, which is inequitably distributed. This means that access to walking and biking buses is also inequitably distributed, and is something that this bill could help to address.

I urge you to support this bill, which would provide additional flexibility to provide safe, healthy, climate friendly and resilient transportation options that respond to families' transportation needs.

Sincerely,
Blake Goud
Cesar Chavez K-8 parent