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Rep. Courtney Neron, Chair  
House Committee on Education  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 4082 – Dash 1 Amendment

Chair Neron and members of the House Committee on Education

On behalf of the over 24,000 current and retired members of the Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA) who support all levels of Oregon public education, including Head Start programs, K-12 school districts, education service districts, parks, and community colleges, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill (HB) 4082, the Summer Learning Plan and the leadership of Gov. Kotek and Rep. Susan McLain.

Classified employees are a key group of frontline caregivers who support Oregon's students, including students who identify in historically underserved populations. Our members frequently live in the communities we serve, so we closely reflect our students. We bring students to school, we make sure they have breakfast and lunch options, and we support them throughout each school day. And in the summertime, many of our members opt in to supporting summer learning programs that provide much-needed enrichment – particularly for those students who have the most significant need for ongoing supports. Our members recognize that a supportive school environment is about more than academics, and being able to offer that into the summer months is exceptionally important to some students.

The Summer Learning Plan is an incredible opportunity for school districts, especially small rural communities. The \$50 million in funding identified in the bill will provide funds to existing summer programs. OSEA appreciates that the bill identifies many acceptable uses for the funds, including curriculum, literacy, transportation and nutrition services. Funds may also be used by those communities who coordinate summer programs with their local parks departments. As drafted, HB 4082 allows many of our economically fragile members to opt into summer work while still being represented by a union. So, if passed, this bill will infuse our communities with fun, education-centered activities for students statewide. This is a win-win for both classified educators and the students they support.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

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the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and the AFL-CIO.*





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