



Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs McIntire and Dobson, and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Education Association (OEA) represents over 41,000 educators and education service professionals across the state, spanning pre-K through our community colleges. Our members include teachers, bus drivers, custodians, teacher assistants, nutrition specialists, community college faculty and staff, and many others who work tirelessly to support Oregon's students. On behalf of OEA, I am writing to express strong support for HB 3169.

As educators, we see firsthand the critical role that school-based health centers (SBHCs) play in the lives of our students. These centers provide essential health services directly on campus, eliminating barriers to care so students can remain in school and parents can avoid missing work for medical appointments.

HB 3169 strengthens SBHCs by introducing an inflationary adjustment to the SBHC base rate and tying it to inflation, ensuring these vital services remain sustainable.

This funding adjustment is necessary and urgent. Inflationary increases will maintain service levels, ensuring students have consistent access to critical health services that support their wellbeing and academic success.

Oregon's educators are committed to ensuring every student has the opportunity to thrive. By passing HB 3169, the Legislature can help maintain equitable healthcare access for Oregon students, setting them up for success in and out of the classroom.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We urge your support for HB 3169.

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