

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

My name is Cynthia Branger Muñoz, and I submit this testimony on behalf of the Oregon Education Association (OEA) in strong support of HB 2944. OEA proudly represents more than 41,000 educators, including teachers, education support professionals, and community college faculty across the state.

OEA also supports House Bill 2307, recognizing its importance in providing schools with a clear and manageable path to compliance with existing statute.

At a time when education budgets are stretched thin, this bill helps address an unintended consequence that has placed additional strain on schools. Many districts across Oregon are already struggling with aging infrastructure and limited resources. HB 2307 ensures that school districts have the necessary runway to meet statutory requirements without being forced to immediately redirect critical funds away from academic priorities and student success.

We urge your support for this legislation to provide districts with the flexibility needed to comply with infrastructure mandates while maintaining their focus on student learning.

Thank you for your time and consideration.