

Good afternoon Oregon Legislature, due to building constraints, I cannot attend in person.

As a member of the Chronic Absentee Task Force, I want to introduce myself; I am Dave Kline, Superintendent of the Colton School District, and here to support House Bill 3199.

I want to start off by thanking Rep. Hoa Nguyen, Sen. Suzanne Weber, and all members of our team for their dedication to support students.

Attendance is crucial for student success. A student is chronically absent if they miss 10% or more of the school year (about 18 days).

HB 3199 aims to improve Oregon's attendance efforts by addressing several key areas:

1. **Evaluating Current Initiatives:** Reviewing existing attendance programs and their effectiveness.
2. **Establishing an Advisory Committee:** Making recommendations to improve school attendance.
3. **Expanding Early Indicator Systems:** Increasing funding and refining parental notification features.
4. **Increasing Data Transparency:** Reporting attendance data quarterly to inform statewide efforts.
5. **Streamlining Attendance Reporting:** Developing consistent procedures for coding and reporting absences.

We believe this bill will enhance current attendance efforts and improve learning conditions in schools.

Thank you for your time. Please vote YES on House Bill 3199.

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