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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB717

Chair Frederick, Vice Chair Webber. and Members of the Committee,

My name is Andrew hare, and I am a fourth-year student at Oregon State pursuing my education licensure the upcoming 2025-2026 academic year. I am submitting this testimony in strong support of SB717, which seeks to address financial barriers for aspiring educators and ensure mentor teachers receive fair compensation.

As a result of my education pathway and plans after receiving my teacher license in the state of Oregon, I will be unfortunately required to work full time during my upcoming student teaching year. Even now, while attending university, I have had to work full time to pay for my education. While neither circumstances have lessened my ability to pursue my educational and career goals, it has nonetheless been a barrier in the completion of these pursuits. This bill will offer the opportunity for students like myself to face lessened barriers and therefore continue pursuing meaningful and high-quality instructional opportunities to better the educational outcomes of our Oregon students.

I urge the committee to consider the importance of this bill for current students like myself, seeking a career in education, and the educational opportunities that Oregon students will enjoy in the classroom as a result.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Sincerely,

Andrew Hare
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