

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

My name is Sherri Anderson , and I am Speech-Language Pathologist at Beaverton SD. I am submitting this testimony in strong support of HB 3652, which would make class size and caseloads a mandatory subject of collective bargaining in all Oregon schools.

I have been a Speech-Language Pathologist for Beaverton SD for 27 years and have only ever known large caseloads. I used to carry so much guilt for not being able to meet my students needs, but that is not sustainable. I currently have 104 students in 4 days in my positions in the Community Transition Program, a program for 18-21 year olds with disabilities. Having a caseload this size means many of my non-speaking students do not get enough support with their AAC devices and many of my adults with Autism do not get therapy.

My most vulnerable students are harmed by a districts ability to staff inappropriately, meaning my caseload is huge. Allowing unions to bargain class size and caseload size helps students more than any other priority. Daycare ratio staffing is more appropriate than education ratio's!!!!

Please pass HB3652 and help students have the communication supports they require and deserve.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sherri Anderson
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