

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

My name is Alexandra Fagan , and I am Instructional Coach at PPS. 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.

When I support a 1st grade class with 29 students, I see how difficult it is to work with small groups and individual students for explicit reading instruction

Smaller class sizes allow teachers to address the learning needs of each of their students much more effectively. I started my teaching career in Boston, Massachusetts at a Title I school and having a class size limit of 22 was a high leverage tool that allowed me to support all of my students reaching grade level benchmarks.

Education is the future of this country. Our students each deserve to feel they are an integral part of their classroom community with a pathway to success as a literate, productive member of society.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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