

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

My name is Kim Elkins , and I am SLP at BSD. 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.

From my understanding, the union attempted to secure caseload. Cap was unsuccessful. Students are being impacted because the highest needs students are not being served adequately due to overcrowding and lack of time.

As stated above, overcrowding hurts the most vulnerable students the most because they can't be served appropriately progress is not being made, and students are being shuffled from grade to grade without meaningful education being provided.

Caseload caps are imperative in order to provide meaningful personalized education to enhance the ability of our students to learn to read right and do basic math.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kim Elkins
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