

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

My name is Matt Brown, and I am 8th grade ELD teacher at Beaverton. 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.

The single biggest issue facing our schools continues to be large class sizes. I've been a teacher in Oregon for 28 years. In all that time, I have seen only minor reductions in class size. I know from my experience that significant class size reductions would improve student outcomes dramatically. I have family in other states with much lower class sizes so I know that what we are asking is possible.

The number one way to improve student outcomes is to lower class sizes significantly.

Please support this measure. There is a limit to what our union can do without this type of statewide intervention. Thank you

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Matt Brown  
Beaverton