

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

My name is Margo Svendsen , and I am Speech Language Pathologist at Beaverton School District. 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 SLP in the Beaverton School District for 6 years now. BSD will not even bargain for hard caseload caps or soft caseload caps for SLPs, learning specialists, or other special education educators. My colleagues are exhausted from being given way to many students on their caseloads. There is not enough time in the day to provide their specially designed instruction, complete evaluations, write those evaluations up, attend and write IEP meetings. etc. We need some sort of limit. We are only human and are being tasked with the jobs of 2 or more people.

Smaller class sizes and smaller caseloads improve student success!

Please I urge the committee to support HB 3652 and pass this bill. Thank you!!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Margo Svendsen  
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