

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

My name is Ruth Aguilar, and I am a 5th grade teacher at Canby School District 86. 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.

It is hard to differentiate work for the advanced learners and those students that need more targeted intervention especially when I have no daily support in the classroom from Instructional Assistants. It is not fair that upper grades do not have continuous support when some students will always need it. I am at capacity and unable to meet my students' needs. With having less support I feel I will be unable to do my best's work for the students. At this point the data is not showing progress and I cannot imagine how the future will be.

Oregon is not making an emphasis on education and its importance. To be in the top ten is shocking. They are not investing money or time or valuing the future citizens and the educators that are helping the education system .

Please support the citizens of this state by supporting educators and giving better opportunities to our children who need a good education to support our future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ruth Aguilar
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