

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

My name is Danielle Smith, and I am 3rd Grade Teacher at Springfield School District 19. 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.

Class sizes are so large that I am unable to give each of my students the feedback and personalized instruction they deserve to reach their full potential.

Overcrowding in primary classrooms is detrimental to our most vulnerable students; students who are English learners, below grade level, and receiving special education services.

Please make the education of our students a priority by reducing our class sizes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Danielle Smith
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