

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

My name is Meera Chary, and I am 6th and 7th Grade Math 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.

Because of the large class sizes, both my students and I struggle with concept understanding, and I really struggle with behavior management. The classes are uncontrollable at times, which makes me unsatisfied with my job. My class at times becomes more about behavior management rather than teaching. It is so overwhelming and frustrating that it has made me consider quitting my job.

I have seen other school districts with smaller class sizes become more productive, with real learning taking place. It also improves student outcomes.

Please reduce class sizes to benefit both teacher and student productivity.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Meera Chary  
Beaverton