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Oregon ranks eighth highest in class sizes nationwide. As the mother of a teacher and classroom volunteer for years, I have seen the deleterious effects of this statistic.

It results in large class sizes diminishes student engagement, decreases academic performance, and exacerbates stress for both students and educators. Students in smaller classes perform better academically and are more likely to complete school.

Students with disabilities, English Language Learners and low-income students benefit the most from smaller class sizes and lower student-to-teacher ratios.

Excessive caseloads and large class sizes contribute to high turnover rates and negatively impact student learning.

Educators should have the ability to advocate for reasonable class sizes and caseloads at the bargaining table.

HB 3652 does not require specific class size or caseload reductions—just a fair conversation in contract negotiations.

Surveys consistently show that reducing class sizes is a top priority for parents, students, and educators.

We must do better. Vote yes on HB3652.