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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Emily Hetzler, and I currently teach a class of 23 kindergarten students in Oregon City School District. I am submitting this testimony in strong support of HB 3652, which would make class sizes and caseloads a mandatory subject of collective bargaining in all Oregon schools.

Our district uses 28.5 students per class as a starting number when assigning class teachers each year. There are currently no caps on class sizes, and there is no guarantee that, for example, another teacher will be hired if incoming class sizes for kindergarten are at 29 students. Would you want your kindergarten student in a class of 29 or more?

While this bill does not put a cap on class sizes, it ensures that class sizes and caseloads are part of the conversation during bargaining. Our students deserve at least that much.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Emily Hetzler