

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

My name is Kelley Mckay, and I am 6,7,8 grade language arts teacher at Beaverton School District. 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.

I have a class of 45 6th grade students. I have not been able to get to every student in a day to answer questions and support their transition to middle school. They are stressed. This is an excellent group with no major behavior problem but the class is LOUD! It is overstimulating to have that much noise even when they are one task. I also have a class of 45 8th graders. The smell alone is enough to take your breathe away daily. I do not have the time to grade and give feedback on their work in a way that will prepare them for high school. I teach 180 students this year. It is too much grading and planning to give students the efucation they deserve.

Overcrowding hurst vulnerable students the most because i do not have the time to slow down and check in with them. They need extra support that i just can't give. They sit quietly and pass the time because i can't sit with them and help them get started. It a terrible feeling to see so many kids who need a little extra not gettingvthe support they need.

Please support HB 3652 so student and teachers have a chance at teaching and learning.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kelley Mckay  
Beaverton School District