

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

For the record, my name is Jay Sessums and I am the OSEA Chapter 23 President. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 3357 today.

HB 3357 is needed in order to protect staff that report safety incidents from administrative retaliation for reporting or for making a black mark on the school district's lack of support for the report. I am a transportation driver and feel HB 3357 will give the driver the real unfolding of events and help them not feel the need to appease admin in reporting. Data reporting needs to happen in order to concretely be able to point to the need need for bus aides on every bus, especially our SPED buses, due to the fact that the driver cannot give needed additional attention to SPED students in the way a bus aide can, as the driver must focus on safely navigating the bus and getting all students delivered to school or from school.

HB 3357 will get safety reports directly to the people who need to see the data.

Thank you again for the opportunity to speak with you today. I urge an aye vote on HB 3357.

Sincerely,

Jay Sessums

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