

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

For the record, my name is Rachel Shuffield and I'm a significant needs education assistant in a life skills classroom and a proud member of OSEA's Eugene Chapter 1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 3357 today.

HB 3357 would allow staff to report workplace injuries and assaults in a standardized and accessible format so that admin and legislators get a better idea of what is happening in our schools and can provide targeted support for hazards and injuries.

Recently, a coworker of mine was sent home with a concussion after being hit by a student. Even after filling out the appropriate incident forms, admin and district representatives never came to check in with her when she returned to work. She felt unsafe knowing that the injury she had sustained had not been properly addressed and that nothing was done to prevent it from happening in the future. All staff should feel that reporting injuries leads to meaningful change and improvements for their school and students.

Having a consistent, reliable mode of reporting workplace injuries would greatly improve staff and student safety in the classroom and allow supports to be added where they are actually needed.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify on HB 3357. I urge an aye vote on the bill.

Sincerely,
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