

Submitter: Olivia Torres  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Education  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3652

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

My name is Olivia Torres and I was an Early Childhood Special Education Preschool Teacher with Multnomah Early Childhood Program (MECP). I am submitting this testimony in support of HB 3652, which would make class size and caseloads a mandatory subject of collective bargaining in all Oregon schools.

The increasing numbers of students in my preschool classroom did not allow me to adequately meet the needs of my students. Furthermore, it left myself and my teaching team feeling unsupported and overwhelmed. Speaking from experience, educator burnout should be a serious concern for those making legislative decisions. Excessive caseloads and large class sizes contribute to high turnover rates and negatively impact student learning.

Again, I want to express my strong support of HB 3652 and its impact on Oregon's students and educators.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Olivia Torres  
Early Childhood Educator