

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

For the record, my name is Logan Mackenzie Gilbert-Renner, and I represent the Oregon School Employees Association as an educational assistant at St. Helens School District. Growing up, I was inspired by the unwavering dedication of classified staff—many of whom were OSEA members—who supported me and shaped my belief that every educator deserves a safe, respectful workplace.

Throughout my career, whether in special education or custodial roles, I've witnessed the harsh realities of our current safety practices. In special education, I've seen colleagues leave classrooms with visible injuries—a stark reminder that our system is failing to capture the true risks on our campuses. When the idea of reporting these injuries was raised at a recent training, many responded with frustrated laughter because the process is too lengthy and impractical for our busy days.

House Bill 3357 offers a vital opportunity to change that. By proposing a universal, web-based safety reporting system, this bill aims to streamline the process and gather the data we need. Every injury, no matter how minor, is a critical data point that can help us identify trends and take proactive steps to protect our educators and students.

I respectfully urge you to vote yes on HB3357. Supporting this bill is a crucial step toward a safer, more accountable future for our schools. Thank you for your time and for your commitment to the well-being of our educators and students.

Sincerely,

Logan Mackenzie Gilbert-Renner