

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

My name is Abigail Moreno, and I am Speech-Language Pathologist 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.

Excessive caseloads over years has caused me burnout and stress related health issues. I needed to reduce my work hours in order to focus on my health. I want to provide the best quality therapy to my students, but it's impossible, when I have to think of my other assignments that I must travel to, keep track of which students IEP or three year re-evaluations are due, and consulting teachers and parents. Case managing students does not mean face to face contact with students, it's much more than that. The administrative responsibilities are immense and having a caseload cap will alleviate some the stress and I would be able to focus on my students' individual needs.

5. This bill ensures class size and caseloads are negotiated early in bargaining.

Please support HB 3652 and it's impact on students and educators

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Abigail Moreno  
Beaverton School District