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On Behalf Of: Redmond School District  
Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3835

Dear Members of the House Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services,

The current set of laws covering restraint have been detrimental to the staff and students of the Redmond School District. We have had multiple occurrences where staff members have been accused of child abuse as they work with students. The majority of the complaints have been found to be negative in the subsequent OTIS Investigation. During the investigation, our people are put on administrative leave thus causing students to be served by less qualified substitute teachers. These frequent occurrences have damaged staff moral and have created an atmosphere of fear among our team. Union leadership is recommending that staff members never touch students even in the case of preventing injury to other students and property.

The leadership and staff of the Redmond School District supports creating a reasonable and consistent approach to working with students that have an elevated level of need.

Sincerely,

Dr. Charan Cline  
Superintendent