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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3007

Statement of Matt's in support of House Bill 3007

Dear Members of the House Committee on Education,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for HB 3007. This bill is a vital step forward in ensuring that students recovering from concussions and traumatic brain injuries (TBIs) receive the academic, behavioral, social, emotional, and physical accommodations they need to recover effectively. Brain injuries are challenging enough without adding unnecessary obstacles in the classroom or school environment. HB 3007 ensures schools act in the best interest of these students by mandating tailored, person-centered support during their recovery.

Students recovering from TBIs often face significant struggles with academics, social interactions, mental health, and physical symptoms. Schools should be places of support and understanding—not environments that exacerbate these challenges. By requiring schools to provide accommodations such as assistance with classwork, adjustments for sensory sensitivities (e.g., light or noise), and social-emotional support, HB 3007 prioritizes the well-being of students during a critical time in their recovery.

This legislation recognizes that every brain injury is unique and requires individualized care. Whether it's offering flexibility with assignments or creating a quieter classroom environment, schools must adapt to meet the needs of these students. HB 3007 is a compassionate and practical measure that will make a meaningful difference in the lives of students recovering from brain injuries.

I urge you to support HB 3007 and help ensure that Oregon's schools are equipped to provide the necessary accommodations for students navigating the challenges of brain injury recovery.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Matt