

March 19, 2025

The Honorable Courtney Neron
Chair, House Committee on Education
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 3007 – Accommodations for students diagnosed with a brain injury

Dear Chair Neron, and members of the committee,

Providence is committed to providing access to high-quality health care in our communities, with special attention to those who are medically vulnerable, including students who have been diagnosed with a concussion or other brain injury. Ensuring all students have the best opportunities to succeed compels Providence to support HB 3007.

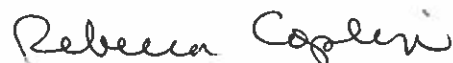
HB 3007 will help students who are recovering from brain injuries by requiring schools to provide appropriate, person-centered, academic, behavioral, social, emotional, and physical accommodations to ensure that the student has the best possible recovery.

No student ever wants to suffer a brain injury, but many still do. During their recovery, they will struggle with their classwork, their social interactions, their mental and behavioral health, and with physical pain. The last thing a school should do is make it harder for the student to recover.

HB 3007 requires a school to act in the best interest of the student and give them the accommodations they need during their brain injury recovery. If, because of their brain injury, they need help with classwork, or homework, or with their friends, the school should be providing that help. If they need physical accommodation in their classrooms because of the lights, noises, or other external influences, they should get those accommodations, as well. HB 3007 will help ensure that students recovering from brain injuries get the accommodations they need.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. We hope you will join us in support of HB 3007.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Coplin".

Rebecca Coplin
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