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Chair Neron and Members of the Education Committee,

Thank you for considering HB 3562, which addresses the need for accurate and accessible school mapping data for public safety. As a public safety professional, Chief of Police and former School Resource Officer, I understand firsthand the critical role that clear, standardized maps play in ensuring a swift and effective emergency response on school campuses.

Currently, many school maps across Oregon are inaccurate, inconsistent, and inaccessible to first responders. They often lack key details about building layouts, room numbering, and entry points, making it difficult for law enforcement and emergency personnel to coordinate during a crisis. Additionally, these maps are not integrated with existing public safety software, limiting their usability when seconds matter most.

HB 3562 would establish a statewide school mapping standard—ensuring that all public-school maps are accurate, up-to-date, and interoperable with public safety systems. This simple yet crucial improvement will allow first responders to act more efficiently and effectively in emergency situations, ultimately helping to protect students and staff.

In a crisis, every second counts. Having the right information at the right time can save lives. I respectfully urge your support for HB 3562 to enhance school safety and improve emergency response capabilities across Oregon.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Chief Nick Troxel