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To: House Education Committee  
From: Parasa Chanramy, COSA  
Subject: Testimony in Opposition to [House Bill 2359](#)

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Good Afternoon, Chair Neron, Vice Chairs Dobson and McIntire, and Members of the House Education Committee:

For the record, Parasa Chanramy, with COSA. While we appreciate the overall goals of the bill, we are opposed to House Bill 2359, as proposed. This bill would impact high school start times for all school districts and public charter schools, except for rural schools as defined by the State Board of Education.

**Changes to start times in high schools can already be done at the local level. We believe that the decision to start high schools at 8:30am or later should continue to remain a local community-informed decision.**

**Here's why it is important to keep these decisions around late school start times up to local communities.**

**Impact on Students and Families.** House Bill 2359 does not account for the potential unintended impacts to younger students and families. Here are a few examples:

- For families and communities that have children in multiple grades across different schools (elementary, middle, and high school), consider the impact of managing multiple drop-off and pick-up schedules – in coordination with family work schedules, and availability of child care before and after school.
- For high school students who provide childcare for younger siblings and/or work afterschool, the impact on their capacity to provide child care and/or work afterschool.

**School Activities, Athletics, and Limited Facilities.** House Bill 2359 will impact school activities and availability of facilities after school. Here are a few examples:

- With the potential of high school starting later – and ending later, this also has an impact on the start time of school activities and athletics across a region.
- In many communities, our school facilities are limited – and with the later start times, there's a potential for many school facilities to be overcommitted – this also may have an unintended impact on activities, practices, and games.



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**Transportation needs and costs.** House Bill 2359 does not consider the long-term transportation needs and costs, especially given our shortage of school bus drivers that criss-crosses communities in Oregon. There is a short-term technical assistance grant that is created, but the bill does not factor in on-going transportation and staffing costs for districts who would need to add and sustain additional routes.

**Staffing and collective bargaining.** House Bill 2359 will impact staffing and collective bargaining. Given the timeline and potential changes in staff schedules, we anticipate having to open up contracts in the middle of a contract cycle for licensed and classified employees.

**Timeline to implement and funding uncertainty.** House Bill 2359 proposes an unrealistic timeline for implementing later high school start times for the 2027-28 school year. This timeline does not account for rulemaking or procurement processes. And with the short-term technical assistance grants (note: these grants would sunset on June 30, 2027), it is unclear how much funding will be available, and whether there will be enough funding to cover all of the necessary costs – both in the short-term and in the long-term – incurred by school districts and public charter schools.

Thank you again for your time and consideration today. Please vote NO on HB 2359.