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Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs Dobson and McIntire, and Members of the Committee:

As the Senior Director of Transportation at Portland Public Schools, incoming President of the Northwest Oregon Pupil Transportation Association and Director at Large with the State Oregon Pupil Transportation Association, I write to you in support of HB 2530, while also identifying areas to strengthen the bill.

As the largest school district in the state located in a major metropolitan area, we have unfortunately had students get injured while getting on and off the bus and crossing the roadway. Just recently, a student was hit by a car going 35-40 mph in a 20 mph zone while crossing the street at a bus stop. At PPS, it is our priority to get students to and from school safely so we support HB 2530, which will help protect our students and prevent these kinds of accidents through the installation of stop arm cameras on our buses.

HB 2530 makes updates to the recently passed school bus stop arm camera law to clarify the process for school districts to enter into agreements with law enforcement agencies and private entities for the purposes of installing the cameras and providing citations to drivers who endanger student safety.

HB 2530 also seeks to add in a revenue sharing component to the law, so that school districts can receive some of the revenue from citations. We encourage the legislature to adopt the forthcoming -4 amendment to the bill that will clarify that cities or counties “shall” distribute funds to education providers from citations issued on the basis of evidence from school bus arm cameras. While we understand the intent of the legislation is for third parties to cover most of the installation and maintenance costs of the cameras, we anticipate that there will be some added time and associated costs from the cameras that school districts and ESDs have to shoulder. School Districts and ESDs currently have high transportation costs, with transportation budgets already stretched thin, so we encourage the Legislature to ensure there is a process for school districts and ESDs to receive these funds.



HB 2530 is a step in the right direction to make our students safer. We encourage you to pass this bill with the forthcoming -4 amendment and continue building on efforts to provide resources and tools to school districts and ESDs to keep students safe.

Sincerely,

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