

April 6, 2025

House Committee on Education House of Representatives Oregon State Legislature 900 Court St NE Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support for HB 2530 -4 – School Bus Safety Camera Technical Fix

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

On behalf of the Hermiston School District, I write to express support for HB 2530 -4, a critical and timely technical fix to 2024's HB 4147, which authorized the use of stop-arm cameras on school buses across Oregon.

While we appreciate the Legislature's leadership in taking this initial step to protect students on their way to and from school, the current law has left many practical implementation questions unresolved—particularly for school districts tasked with carrying the responsibility of installing cameras without a clear framework for enforcement, cost-sharing, or compensation.

HB 2530 -4 addresses these concerns and strikes the right balance between local control, law enforcement oversight, and effective enforcement. HB 2530 -4 makes the program sustainable and equitable, ensuring that the costs of student safety can go back to the district that made the initial investment.

Hermiston School District urges your support for HB 2530 -4.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tricia Mooney Superintendent of Education