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Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Rob Ogilvie. I serve as an elected school board member for Dallas School District 2, and I am submitting this testimony in my individual capacity, not on behalf of the board or district as a whole.

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 1572.

In my role, I regularly hear from educators, administrators, and families about the growing difficulty of maintaining safe, functional learning environments when a small number of severe and repeated behavior outbursts disrupt classrooms. While every student deserves access to an education and appropriate supports, the current reality is that the learning of many students is being significantly impacted by the actions of a few, and teachers often feel they lack workable authority to respond before situations escalate.

Current law places tight constraints on how staff can address extreme or repeated disruptions. In practice, this can leave educators trying to regain control of classrooms without the tools or clarity they need. The result is lost instructional time, increased stress on teachers and students, and learning environments that can become unsafe or emotionally harmful for others in the room.

Senate Bill 1572 offers a more balanced approach. It recognizes the need to support students with significant behavioral needs while also protecting the right of all students to learn in orderly, safe classrooms. Providing clearer authority and defined processes helps staff respond earlier and more appropriately, rather than waiting until situations reach crisis levels.

This is not about exclusion or punishment. It is about ensuring that classrooms remain places where learning can occur consistently and where both students and staff are protected from repeated disruption or harm. Students who struggle behaviorally need support and intervention, but so do the students whose education is interrupted and the educators responsible for all of them.

Based on what I have seen and heard in my work, I believe this bill moves Oregon toward a more practical and balanced framework. It acknowledges the realities facing classrooms today and supports educators in maintaining environments where learning is possible for everyone.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge your support for Senate Bill 1572.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Ogilvie

Elected School Board Member, Dallas School District 2

(Testifying in an individual capacity)