



To: House Committee on Education  
From: Richard Donovan, Legislative Services Specialist  
Re: House Bill 2330  
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On behalf of OSBA membership, including 197 school districts and 19 Education Service Districts, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2330, as modified by the -2 amendments.

House Bill 2330 would make permanent already-existing funding weights for a very small number of Oregon school districts.

In Oregon approximately 80 school districts receive additional funding through this existing calculation. These funding weights cost about \$5 million a biennium and are crucial for the continued operation of these districts. This money represents the policy by which the state of Oregon has chosen to address real funding challenges for the smallest and most remote schools serving students in these communities.

Additionally, there are a further five school districts (Mitchell, Spray, Ukiah, Burnt River, and Paisley) that use dormitories to house students, including permitting foreign exchange students to come to their districts for a year to live in the dorms. The districts receive the same school funding amount for these foreign students that they receive other students and there is a strict enrollment cap for these students that has existed since the 2010-11 school year. These foreign dormitory students have become important parts of the school community in these districts. They increase diversity and give local students a vastly different perspective on world events, history, and culture.

Finally, the -2 amendments would increase the ADMw maximum from 8,500 to 9,500. This amendment comes at the request of the Klamath County School District, which is approaching the 8,500 threshold and requires these funds for continued operation.

Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 2330-2.