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Subject: FW: House Bill 3135 -- Mandatory CPR for teachers

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Good afternoon Representatives,

My daughter, Taylor, is currently in the 4th grade at Otto Peterson Elementary School in Scappoose, Oregon. My husband and I have been very pleased with the education Taylor has received, and look forward to many more years in public school. I write not because of the education that she is receiving, but rather for the safety of our daughter as well as the other students in our public schools.

OAR 581-022-0705 (4) provides:

“(4) Each school shall have, at a minimum, at least one staff member with a current first aid card for every 60 students enrolled, **or** an emergency response team per building consisting of no less than six persons who hold current first aid/CPR cards and who are trained annually in the district and building emergency plans.”

A school meets this requirement if at least 1 teacher for every 60 students were merely **first aid** certified. Why is being able to treat a cut, burn, etc., considered enough versus being able to actually save a student's life? As for the "emergency response team," a minimum of six people for a school full of hundreds of innocent children doesn't seem adequate to me, especially in an emergency. A child would lose valuable seconds and minutes while someone looks for one of those "emergency response team" members -- time that may not have been lost had the teacher already been trained. Each minute someone is down equates to a 10% less chance of bringing them back without brain damage.

House Bill 3135 was sponsored by Representatives Parrish and Thompson and is currently with the House Education Committee. I strongly urge you to support House Bill 3135 to provide for the immediate safety of the children entrusted to the teachers in our public schools. Please support HB 3135 on behalf of all the children in your district.

I do not believe that asking our public school teachers to spend 3-4 hours of time every 2 years is unreasonable in an effort to be prepared to potentially save the life of a child. **One of the best parts of House Bill 3135, is that teachers "may accept contributions of training, funds and assistance from any public or private source and agree to conditions placed on the funds and assistance for the purpose of meeting the requirements . . ."**

I found it interesting that Senate Bill 275, was also introduced this year and would require all high school students be CPR certified before graduation. Does it make sense to require students to receive CPR/AED