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HB 2370 Transparency Website Enhancements Legislation
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Testimony of Representative Chris Gorsek

Good afternoon Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee. For the record, I'm Chris Gorsek, State Representative of House District 49, which includes the cities of Troutdale, Wood Village, Fairview, and Gresham.

I'm glad to be here this afternoon in support of House Bill 2370, which includes several smart improvements to the Oregon Transparency Website.

By improving transparency and accountability in our government, we are giving legislators and all Oregonians the tools to push for an efficient, effective government.

It's our responsibility to make the most of limited tax dollars so we can invest in our future. We need to be transparent about tax breaks and state spending so we can make sure we're putting our money where we need it most.

As a teacher and a dad, I want our government to do everything possible to put more money in our classrooms and reinvest in quality public education.

As the Representative of House District 49, I hear from community members all of the time about teacher layoffs in the Reynolds School District, overcrowded classrooms in East Gresham Elementary School, and the difficulties that our community schools are facing. We can and must do better.

I appreciate the work that went into House Bill 2370, and I will continue to support everything we can do to make our government more transparent and more efficient. Every small improvement can help us reinvest in our kids, and Oregon's future.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify today.

