

**BETTY KOMP**  
**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
DISTRICT 22



Monday, February 16, 2015

Re: HB 2186, HB 2648 HR D: Education committee

Chair Doherty, members of the Committee: Thank you for holding the hearing on HB 2186 and HB 2648. For the record, I am State Representative Betty Komp, representing House District 22, Woodburn, Gervais and North Salem.

In 2011, we passed Senate bill 290- there was not clear language typifying that the bill would pertain to all teachers in our state. Charter schools were not included in the professional development that was included in Senate bill 290.

Oregon school districts are now implementing new educator evaluation systems to provide ongoing professional learning, and growth and collaboration with the goal of continuous improvement. If we don't have well prepared teachers we won't be able to fully serve our students. HB 2186 ensures charter schools are included in that professional development.

In addition, I am pleased to urge your support of a bill that ensures the continuation of the Outdoor school program. HB 2648.

According to my granddaughter:

“She loved outdoor school. She got to dissect a squid. On her night walk they were able to see plankton on the beach. On the nature walk they learned about edible leaves, making a cup out of a leaf and making ointment like Neosporin using nature.”

Outdoor school provides a wonderful opportunity for students to learn outside of the classroom.

Thank you for your time today.