

To The House Education Committee:

I strongly urge that you fully support House Bill 2928. As a veteran second grade teacher in Forest Grove, I believe it is time that we make an intentional, focused examination for what are appropriate class sizes for our students here in Oregon. Over my 14 years teaching here in Oregon, I have seen my class sizes steadily increase from the low 20's to a current 28 in 2015. The fact that so many would view my class size as the "new normal" is a travesty to our school children in Oregon. HB2928 respectfully takes into consideration a comprehensive list of parameters while seeking real outcomes which will benefit Oregon's students now and in the future. I have often heard how teachers can make a difference in a child's life by the work we do, I believe you too will make a difference in their lives with the passage of HB2928.

With Great Admiration,  
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