

**Testimony for the House Committee on Education
In support of HB 2608
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Good afternoon Madame Chair, members of the Committee. I'm Betty Reynolds and serve on the Oregon School Boards Association Board of Directors. I also served on two of the Oregon Education Investment Board Advisory Committees, and have attended nearly every OEIB meeting for over three years.

School Boards are committed to the goal of helping ALL students achieve at their highest potential. And it's School Boards who enter into achievement compacts with the OEIB, governing outcomes and measures of progress affecting all aspects of teaching and learning. But, we do so without a voice in the policy decisions.

That's why the OSBA Board and Legislative Policy Committee consisting of 40 representatives of Oregon's 197 School Districts were unanimous in their support of this proposal. And, the proposals were submitted to the OSBA membership, and they were overwhelmingly approved.

We know that there are separate bills and discussions about the future of the OEIB, and we're happy we're included in those discussions. If the OEIB continues, we want to assure that those who are responsible for implementation of the policy decisions of the OEIB – School Boards – have a seat at the decision-making table.

We thank you for your leadership in public education and student achievement, and we urge your support of HB 2608.