

28<sup>th</sup> March 2015

To: Senator Diane Resenbaum  
Tim Knopp  
Kim Thatcher  
Sara Gelser  
Michael Dembrow

From: Jose Carlos Sandoval  
Washington Elementary School, Woodburn, Oregon

RE: Senate Bill 470


I strongly encourage my Oregon State Senators and Representatives to pass Senate Bill 470. The current law discriminates against my job position, and the positions of many professional co-workers, and sadly encourages many of us to look for other job opportunities, leaving behind the Woodburn School District to constantly recruit more educators.

I work as an educational assistant at Washington Elementary in Woodburn, Oregon. I work directly with hundreds of students daily, I assist teachers in various ways, and I work directly with the school administration to help maintain a happy, healthy student population at our elementary school. Because of my bilingual skills, and my in-depth knowledge of our community, I am very effective in teaching students at our school. Every teacher and administrator in my building values how hard I work to ensure all students' success.

So why I am I often looking for opportunities outside the school district? Even though I love my job at the Woodburn School District, and I know how much they value my highly-qualified services, I often contemplate accepting another job with other companies because **my classified position only offers a limited number of days per year**. As a father of four children, I need to focus on what is best for my family, and consider higher salaries that offer more working-days-per-year.

But if Senate Bill 470 were to pass, and I could receive due compensation during summer school closures, I would not hesitate to remain with the Woodburn School District.

I hope that the Oregon leaders who represent me and my co-workers vote in favor of our needs. Thank you for your time and consideration.

 Sincerely,  
Jose Carlos Sandoval  
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