

**Testimony on HB346
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Chair Doherty and members of the committee, my name is Jason McCammon. I am a CTE teacher for the North Clackamas School District at the Sabin-Schellenberg Professional Technical Center, and I also teach summer school.

The students that attend summer school are a diverse mix of students that are generally considered "at risk" and for whatever reason are not as successful in a comprehensive high school setting. This demographic are often our students of color, students from poverty, English Language Learners, students with special needs, and alternative learners that benefit from an environment free from the distractions of a regular high school setting. Summer school is an opportunity for this group of students to recover credit missed during the regular school year, working with a dedicated staff and administration determined to get these kids on track to graduate and prepare them for college and careers. Summer school is an accelerated program with smaller class sizes and a support group available for one on one instruction where students work at their own pace to complete the assignments. Often their own pace is as quick as possible knowing they are missing some of their summer break, if that's not motivation to learn, I don't know what is. Summer School also provides a safe learning environment keeping kids engaged, motivated, and off the streets. The North Clackamas School District has in the past provided breakfast and lunch every day to all students attending summer school, for some it is the only meals they will have that day.

The data has proven summer school is a successful forum for credit recovery for students off track to graduate. Transportation is the issue here. Students must be present in order to be successful. During the 2015 Oregon Leadership Summit the State legislators announced their three top incentives, number one being "Connect Classrooms to Careers". I urge you to take this one step farther by Connecting students to the classroom by passing HB346 funding transportation to and from summer school.

Thank you,

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