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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2412A

Senate Education committee
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Chair Roblan and members of the committee,

I am Kathleen Taylor, State Representative for House District 41, encompassing Milwaukie, Oak Grove and parts of Southeast Portland.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to HB 2412A, the Teacher Standards and Practices omnibus bill. And thank you to Vickie Chamberlain for supporting the provisions we added in the House, concerning educator preparation for identifying, and teaching to, students with dyslexia.

Several of my constituents are members of Decoding Dyslexia, a national organization focused on improving the educational experiences of students with dyslexia. Several legislators and I introduced SB 612, a comprehensive bill dealing with dyslexia, on their behalf. In addition to assessment, continuing education, and additional resources in the Department of Education, Decoding Dyslexia identified increasing teacher preparation as a top priority. The current guidelines regarding dyslexia are not enough. SB 612 has passed this committee and gone on to Ways and Means. But it was decided that the teacher training piece would be better placed in HB 2412. TSPC was agreeable.

This bill comes to you from the House with a unanimous AYE vote.
I urge you to move HB 2412A forward with a Do Pass recommendation