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Representative Paul Holvey, Chair
House Business and Labor Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 2005

Good afternoon Chair Holvey and members of the committee,

My name is Soren Metzger and I am writing on behalf of over 21,000 school support personnel represented by the Oregon School Employees Association in support of HB 2005, the pay equity bill.

OSEA represents public and private sector members working in nearly all levels of public education including Head Start programs, K12 school districts, ESDs and community colleges. OSEA members provide the thankless tasks that keep Oregon public schools safe and functional for students, administrators and teachers throughout the school day.

Many of OSEA's collective bargaining agreements prohibit workplace discrimination of employee's compensation based on age, sex, marital status, handicap, and race. However, because OSEA supports discrimination-free workplaces and pay equity for all workers, we urge your support of HB 2005.

Thank you,

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