



## Oregon School Employees Association

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Representative Margaret Doherty, Chair  
House Education Committee  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 2587

Dear Chair Doherty and Members of the Committee,

I am writing today on behalf of the more than 21,000 members of the Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA) in support of the student centered vision on public education bill, HB 2587.

OSEA represents employees working in Oregon school districts, community colleges, education service districts, Head Start agencies, libraries and park and recreation districts. This includes educators in early learning, special and general education, public safety, health and nutrition.

HB 2587 updates educational goals no longer reflective of the times or student population. Specifically, this bill expands the focus of Oregon's current educational goals from a focus on students' needs to include a focus on students' goals too, achievable through a well-rounded education. This bill also makes much needed changes to expectations related to high school graduation and post-secondary education.

OSEA recognizes the strength and prosperity of our citizens, communities and state are dependent on a high-quality public education system that provides for the lifetime educational needs and goals of our students. We urge the committee's support of HB 2587.

Thank you,

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