



## Oregon School Employees Association

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Chair Doherty and Members of the Committee:

My name is Tyler Shipman. I am a government relations specialist with the Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA). Our association represents over 21,000 education employees across the state, including K-12 public schools, education service districts (ESDs), community colleges, Head Starts, park and recreation districts and libraries. I am appearing today on behalf of OSEA to speak in support of House Bill (HB) 2997.

Any person with a child, age 6-18, is required to maintain the child in regular attendance if they are enrolled in a public school. When students do not maintain regular attendance in school, the parent can be found to have violated ORS 339.020. If convicted, the parent can face a Class C violation resulting in a minimum fine of \$80. When this fine is paid, none of the money goes to the school.

HB 2997 would require that half of the fine go to the school district where the violation took place. School districts should receive part of the funding that occurs from these violations because districts do the tracking and monitoring of the student attendance system. As such I urge you to support this legislation.

*The Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA) is an affiliate of the AFL-CIO, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and the American Association of Classified School Employees (AACSE).*

