

Dear Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

My name is Stacy Richards I live in 2004 NE Portland, Oregon I represent the Gresham Barlow School District. I support HB 3263, I believe that if this bill passes it will lead to better management of OT service in schools that improves student outcomes and ensures adherence to federal law (IDEA). School OT's support a student's ability to participate in daily school activities. Our knowledge and expertise helps increase student participation in school routines throughout the day. This bill is very important because as of now there are no state guidelines for school-based OT workloads. My current caseload is close to 100 students! I believe that if there was a cap I could provide students with higher quality service, which in turn would lead to better outcomes/ more support for the students on my caseload. PLEASE pass HB 3263. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

Sincerely,

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