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Support for HB 3263 regarding School-Based OT
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Dear House Committee on Education,

I wanted to voice my experience to support HB3263.

I worked at West Linn Wilsonville school district and I suffered anxiety disorder after carrying a caseload of 150 students between 11 schools in addition to EI evaluations. After many discussions with the Student Services director at West Linn Wilsonville I was always reminded that at her previous district (Woodburn) they had 100 hours of OT for the year.

Eventually a colleague presented my caseload information and medical issues to the Union. I believe the Superintendent and HR director were made aware of the situation for the first time.

Subsequently a new OT was hired but my relationship with the director made it very difficult to continue working for West Linn. After 11 years at this district I applied to PPS and am currently working there. Caseload is 75 students and 6 schools. Much easier but the effectiveness of my services remains an issue.

Sincerely,

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