



To: House Committee on Transportation  
From: Kari Schlosshauer, Pacific Northwest Regional Policy Manager, Safe Routes National Partnership  
Date: April 11, 2017  
Re: Support for House Bill 3230

Dear Chair McKeown and Committee Members:

### **Written Testimony Support for HB 3230 – Safe Routes to School**

On behalf of Safe Routes to School National Partnership's Pacific Northwest Network, I respectfully urge you to support House Bill 3230, which would create new policy direction for the Oregon Department of Transportation to administer dedicated Safe Routes to School street safety project funding within a one-mile radius of schools, prioritizing schools that are Title I, and ensure these projects are coordinated with education and encouragement investments.

The Safe Routes to School National Partnership works to advance safe travel to and from schools and to foster the creation of healthy communities for everyone. Increased transportation mobility for Oregon youth provides access not only to school, but also to other essential needs in the community for people of all ages and abilities. Providing these essential life skills at a young age helps ensure the benefits and value of healthy travel options for our youth, and promoting walking and bicycling within a mile of schools improves air quality and livability of our neighborhoods while increasing everyone's wellbeing.

In particular, we urge you to maintain the inclusion of education programs that enhance engineering improvements. Safe Routes to School initiatives work hard for their dollar: By making streets safe around schools, we generally see walking and biking increase by 25% and when we add education and encouragement programs, that increases up to 45% increase in walking and rolling amongst students.

Please support HB 3230. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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