



To: House Committee on Education  
From: Richard Donovan, Oregon School Boards Association  
Re: House Bill 3351  
Date: April 17, 2017

Chair Doherty and members of the House Committee on Education:

On behalf of OSBA's members, including 197 school districts and 19 Education Service Districts throughout the state of Oregon, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 3351.

One of OSBA's main lines of service is our Policy department. Among other things, that department manages a tremendous variety of sample policies for school district boards to consider and adopt, including sample policies around the proper management of complaints to the school district. OSBA is not aware of a district that has not adopted a policy regarding handling of complaints. I have submitted a sample policy for your consideration.

House Bill 3351 represents a mechanism to implement a better process around complaints. The bill would require that any person first resolve the local complaint process, and submit verification, before filing a complaint with the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC).

It is a simple, process-based solution that will have the practical benefit of streamlining the process and removing duplicative work from the desks of the staff at the TSPC. The bill does not preclude anyone from complaining to the TSPC, but rather ensures that local processes have been completed. OSBA is happy to support HB 3351 and I am happy to answer any questions you have.

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