



Oregon Small Schools Association (OSSA) HB 3115 - Dormitory School Funding Talking Points

- Thank you to the House Committee on Education for hearing from OSSA members about how important small schools are to the overall educational experience in Oregon.
- A small number of OSSA districts rely on dormitories to house foreign exchange students, including Spray, Mitchell, Ukiah, Burnt River and Paisley. These five dorm schools increase diversity and enhance the quality of education delivered within the districts, unless reauthorized these districts would not be able to count foreign exchange students living in dormitories.
- Oregon's small dorm schools provide a unique learning opportunity for students in rural communities that go beyond the classroom.
- The Oregon legislature has heard from small schools during previous sessions and we are thankful for the opportunity to provide examples of positive impacts and to discuss the challenges that we face, and to look beyond just the numbers on a page.
- "Every student in Oregon deserves the best possible education no matter if they attend school in the Portland area, or Jefferson County in Eastern Oregon. No matter if their graduation class has 400 members or 4, each and every one of them are important to the future of Oregon." Michael Carter, Rainer School District Superintendent and Oregon Small Schools Association Chair
- OSSA is appreciative that the House Committee on Education is taking the time to hear from us about finally removing this sunset. We look forward to a continued dialogue that will enhance educational opportunities for not only our rural students but for Oregon's entire education system.