

*Please include these comments in the official record for HB 3427*

Dear Legislators,

As you continue to debate HB 3427, I am asking you to be positive advocates for our current and future students. I have taught in Oregon for 11 years, and with every budget shortfall our students pay the price. When schools are inadequately funded, districts rely on layoffs and program cuts to make ends meet. I have personally seen the negative effects of this when, after layoffs, I was moved from an elementary school classroom to a middle school position with no relevant training. 51 8th graders were placed in my English classroom, and, despite putting in my absolute best effort, I know those children did not receive the quality of education we would want and should expect for every Oregonian. Knowing that situations like this are possible for the next school year breaks my heart.

Teachers will continue to pour everything we have into advocating for, educating and caring for our students. We look forward to being on the same team with our legislators as you invest in education and support HB 3427.

Thank you,

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