

Dear Joint Committee on Student Success,

We've been underfunding our schools and shortchanging our students for decades. The time to act is now, and this is a landmark opportunity to do so. The Student Success Act, HB 3427, would give our students the resources they need and the high-quality education they deserve. The Student Success Act would create fairness in our tax system for the benefit of Oregon students. It prioritizes protecting small businesses, while also providing needed revenue for our schools and students. With measures to ensure funds are being spent wisely, HB 3427 is an accountable way to finally provide critical revenue for Oregon schools. This transformational investment in our schools will mean lower class sizes, increased graduation rates, expanded CTE programs and safer schools through more social-emotional learning. As a student teacher this year I have seen the negative impacts class sizes of 32 students can have as students are not able to receive the support they need. It also creates chaos ending in room clears constantly. Currently, our school community does not feel like a safe space to most of my learners. This needs to change. Please vote Yes for The Student Success Act, HB 3427.

Regards,  
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