Dear Members of the Senate Education Committee,

I am writing in support of HB 2512 which would put a practicing teacher on Oregon's State Board of Education.

It is long past time that teachers be recognized as the professionals that they are and that classroom teacher voice be part of rule making and other decisions that affect Oregon's classrooms. There is no substitute for someone who is immersed in the daily work of educating students when it comes to knowing how policy will actually play out on the ground.

Please vote yes on HB 2512.

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