

May 22, 2019

Dear Honorable Ginny Burdick Chair, Senate Committee on Rules and The Honorable Herman Baertschiger Vice-Chair Senate Committee on Rules,

I am writing this letter in support of House Bill HB 2876. I am currently the assistant principal at Lot Whitcomb Elementary School and was a former school psychologist in the North Clackamas School District. I have had the honor of working alongside two school social workers. They provide comprehensive counseling/social-emotional learning supports to our school community. They are highly knowledgeable about how to access community supports for our families and connect families to mental health services. And most importantly, are able to connect and intervene with students.

All schools should have access to counselors that have a social work background. Please accept this letter of support for House Bill 2876.

Sincerely,

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