

Chair Neron, Vice-Chair Hudson, Vice-Chair Wright, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of HB2750 which seeks to fund interscholastic activities in Oregon. As a high school sophomore in a rural community, I can attest to the importance of interscholastic activities and the positive impact they have on students like myself.

Growing up in a rural area can be challenging and isolating. But participating in interscholastic activities has given me a sense of belonging and a chance to form lasting relationships with my peers. The experiences I have had competing in these activities have also helped me to develop important life skills, such as teamwork, leadership, and time management.

However, many of my classmates have been forced to give up their participation in interscholastic activities because they simply cannot afford the fees or the pressure of fundraising activities. This is not only unfair, but it also denies them the chance to reap the same benefits that I have gained from participating.

The bill to fund interscholastic activities would go a long way in helping to remove these barriers and provide equal access to these opportunities for all students. I believe that every student should have the chance to participate in interscholastic activities and gain the same benefits that I have, regardless of their financial situation.

I urge the House Committee on Education to support this bill and ensure that students across Oregon have the chance to participate in interscholastic activities without facing financial barriers. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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