

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

My name is Devon Lawson-McCourt, and I am a high school sophomore in a rural community in Oregon. I am writing to express my strong support for HB 2753 which seeks to allow district school boards to choose to provide directors with a monthly stipend and requires boards to provide reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses if they do not provide a stipend.

As a student, I understand the importance of having dedicated and well-supported school board directors. These individuals play a crucial role in shaping the future of our education system, and it is essential that they are provided with the resources and support they need to effectively carry out their duties.

In our rural community, many school board directors work tirelessly to ensure that our schools have the resources and support they need to provide high-quality education to all students. Despite their efforts, they often receive very little in the way of compensation or reimbursement for their time and expenses. This can make it difficult for them to sustain their commitment to our schools, and it can also limit the pool of potential candidates for these positions.

By allowing district school boards to provide directors with a monthly stipend and requiring them to provide reimbursement for necessary expenses, this bill would help to ensure that these dedicated individuals are able to continue their important work without facing undue financial hardship. This, in turn, would help to ensure that our schools are able to provide students with the education they deserve.

In conclusion, I urge you to support HB 2753. It is an important step towards ensuring that our schools have the resources and support they need to provide high-quality education to all students, and it is a critical component of our efforts to build a strong and sustainable education system for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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