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To: House Committee on Rules

From: Parasa Chanramy, on behalf of the Coalition of Oregon School Administrators

Subject: House Bill 2708 - Classified School Employees Week

Dear Chair Fahey, Vice Chairs Breese-Iverson and Kropf, and Members of the House Committee on Rules,

On behalf of the Coalition of Oregon School Administrators, we submit this letter to express our support for House Bill 2708. The bill would recognize the first full week in March, beginning with the first Monday, as Classified School Employees Week.

We are a membership organization that represents over 2,800 administrators across Oregon who serve in principalships, central office administration, and the superintendency. Our organization and members are so excited to support this bill, as well as partner with OSEA, and many other education organizations to advance an educator workforce package this session.

Our classified school employees are the backbone of our public schools.

They are essential and serve in a variety of roles that range from transporting students to and from school safely, and making sure school and district operations run smoothly – to helping maintain our buildings and learning spaces, preparing and serving school meals, and providing academic support services.

We are so grateful to our classified school employees for their continued dedication and service to our students, schools, and communities.

Please vote YES on House Bill 2708 to help recognize and honor our incredible classified school employees.

Sincerely,

Parasa Chanramy Legislative Director Coalition of Oregon School Administrators