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On Behalf Of:
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Chair Neron, Vice-Chair Wright and Vice-Chair Hudson
Thank you for the opportunity for me to testify on HB 2750.

I am opposed to this bill for four reasons.

1) Every School District has an elected school board that understands the unique needs of students in their district. Each year school boards reviews their budgets and receive public comment to create a budget that works best for the local schools. This bill if passed would be an over reach by the state in restricting the school boards ability to perform.

2) Whenever the state passes a bill that is funded or unfunded relating to schools, there are always strings attached that hurt smaller districts such as North Bend. It is no secret that Oregon schools are struggling to teach Core Subjects because the state keeps adding new requirements and lessons that are unnecessary and morally unacceptable.

3) I believe a school district should never disallows a student from participating due to financial hardship. Schools need to find ways to offset the cost of those who cant pay, either from fundraising or community scholarships.

4) Exempting athletes from requiring participation in fundraising is foolish. Fundraising is opportunity to teach students about investment. Students are investing in their sport by fundraising. After students graduate from school they will be responsible for making a living. While I understand that the bill wants to make fundraising voluntary because some students live out of town and are unable to come into town for car washes not all fundraising requires they be in town. For example fundraising activities involving ordering Christmas Wreaths, Cookie Dough or Merchant Cards. These kinds of fundraisers can be done at home on the phone or at a social gathering. Money doesn't grow on trees, it is important they learn how to make a living.

Thank you for your time