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Chair Neron, Vice Chairs Hudson and Wright and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to share my support for HB3014 today.

My name is Blake Goud. I am the father of two kids. My son is in 2nd grade at Cesar Chavez K-8 in North Portland. I have been a volunteer leader of the bike bus and walking school bus at Chavez, where we have 2 routes and try to organize a bike bus or walking school bus once a month.

Kids love the bike bus, and I would love to see it happen more frequently. But it's often times beyond the ability of the school community to provide the same frequency as at other schools.

Cesar Chavez is located within a wonderful, very diverse community. It's a Title I school, and as a result volunteering comes with a cost for many families beyond what they can commit to on a regular basis.

Volunteers with the bike bus at Chavez have received donated grocery gift cards to offset the cost for a few parents where the cost of the time off would inhibit their ability to volunteer with our it. But it's not sustainable to run it that way.

That's why I am here today to support HB3014, which would give the choice to each district to find transportation options that work for them.

The bike bus is a lot of fun for kids and families, and if it were able to run on a regular schedule, it could provide additional options for kids to get to school. It also has great co-benefits like getting exercise, more time with their friends, and reducing the length of the lines for car drop-off and pick-up.

Thank you.

Blake Goud