



March 7, 2023

To: Senate Committee on Education

From: Oregon Education Association

Re: Neutral on SB 238

Dear Chair Dembrow and members of the committee---

The Oregon Education Association represents over 41,000 educators and education service professionals across the state, from pre-k to community colleges. Our members are classroom teachers, bus drivers, custodians, teacher assistants, school counselors, community college professionals and more.

Oregon Educators agree that the dangers of synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl, and other drugs are important for our students and communities to know and understand. Because of this we appreciate the goals of SB 238 and understand that OHA and the alcohol and drug policy commission likely already have important tools and best practices for supplemental materials for educational purposes. We hope that educators will have a say in the curriculum supplements process as these are being developed upon passage of the bill.

Sincerely,

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