

March 6, 2023

House Committee on Education  
Representative Courtney Neron, Chair

Re: Testimony in Support of HB3383

Chair Neron and Members of the House Committee on Education:

My name is Everice Moro. I was a highly qualified classified professional educational assistant for over 40 years in various educational settings. I represented my fellow employees in issues with my district and at a state and national level. After I retired, I continued to represent my educational colleagues by serving on the Board of Directors for the Northwest Oregon Labor Council, Labor's Community Service Agency, Northwest Labor Press, and multiple retiree organizations. All my education and employment experiences have helped hone my skills and provided me with a perspective that could be useful to people who need to make decisions regarding educational issues.

Put simply, I bring over four decades of institutional knowledge, educational continuity, a love for all of Oregon's students and problem-solving skills to any forum.

There are literally thousands of classified educational employees in Oregon schools who have the knowledge, skill, and a willingness to help make education better. What I am here to tell you today is that classified employees want, need, and deserve a place at the table where people are making decisions about their work, the standards that must be met, funding which provides wages, required education or training, and a multitude of other decisions that affect the workers and their jobs.

HB 3383 is the vehicle for providing that place at the table, so classified employees are not forgotten, overlooked, or locked out from the conversations that affect each of them. I hope you will help move HB 3383 forward to a satisfactory conclusion.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions, and I look forward to the opportunity to work with each of you in the future.

Sincerely,

Everice Moro  
Retired Oregon School Employee Member (ROSE)