



March 21, 2023

To: Senate Committee on Rules

From: Oregon Education Association

RE: Support for SB 168 -1

Chair Lieber and members of the Senate committee on Rules,

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.

We are submitting our support for HB 168 with the -1 amendment, as the amendment clarifies that through this change we are clarifying for public employees that working hours does not include meal times, breaks and otherwise allowable time off in accordance with current statute in Oregon.

We appreciate the clarifications reflected in SB 168 and we encourage the committee's support.

Sincerely,

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