



Bill: House Bill 2767

Position: Support

Name: Adam Calverley

Dear Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs Hudson and Wright, and members of the House Committee on Education:

I am writing today in support of House Bill 2767, which will create a long-term, sustainable funding and governance model for recovery high schools in Oregon. Recovery high schools provide a safe, supportive education for youth in recovery from substance use and mental health disorders and **it is critical that Oregon begin investing in these life-saving programs.**

HB 2767 is the product of an interim interagency workgroup commissioned by HB 5202 in 2022 and offers a clear, collaborative path forward to expand, support and govern recovery high schools across the state.

Harmony has been extremely successful for my physical and mental health. Passing Bill 2767 would make more schools, like Harmony, possible. A huge burden at Harmony is our location - some families aren't able to make the commute over to Lake Oswego. Passing this bill would give people the opportunity to open more recovery based high schools all throughout Oregon. To end this off, I would like to note that youth substance abuse is rampant in Oregon, and we are ranked one of the worst states for youth recovery resources. Passing this bill would show that the state cares and that the state would like to not be at the very back end for resources in the United States. Thank you.

Oregon ranks 50th in the nation for substance use treatment and recovery support. This legislation provides a cost-effective and proven way to support adolescents in recovery as they work to gain their high school diploma.

On behalf of Adam Calverley, Harmony Academy, **I urge your support for House Bill 2767** and ask that you vote **YES** on this critically-needed, thoughtfully-created legislation.

Thank you,

Adam Calverley

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Adam Calverley', is written below the typed name.