

**Bill:** House Bill 2767

**Position:** Support

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

I am writing to express my support for House Bill 2767, which seeks to establish a sustainable funding and governance model for recovery high schools in Oregon. Recovery high schools offer a safe and supportive learning environment for youth recovering from substance use and mental health disorders. It is imperative that Oregon invests in these life-saving programs.

HB 2767 is the result of an interim interagency workgroup commissioned by HB 5202. It offers a clear and collaborative path to expand, support and govern recovery high schools statewide. As the CEO of Inflexion, a non-profit Oregon-based company focused on transformative change in secondary level education, I have extensive experience working with over 200 schools in Oregon and California. My previous roles as the assistant superintendent in Springfield Public Schools for six years and as a site administrator in the Beaverton School District for nine years have given me a unique perspective on the critical need for programs like recovery high schools.

As a parent, I have firsthand experience with the need for such programs as my child has struggled with substance use and abuse. I have been frustrated by the lack of viable options and specifically, the lack of transitional support as children move from inpatient treatment back to high school, which is often not equipped to meet their needs.

Oregon ranks last in the nation for substance use treatment and recovery support. This legislation provides a cost-effective and proven solution to support adolescents in recovery as they work towards earning their high school diploma.

On behalf of myself and my child, I urge you to support House Bill 2767 and vote YES on this critically-needed and thoughtfully-created legislation.

Thank you,

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