

FRIENDS OF
LANE
COUNTY
RECOVERY
SCHOOLS

Bill: House Bill 2767

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Position: Support

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

We are 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.**

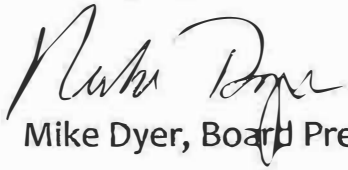
HB 2767 is the product of an interim interagency workgroup commissioned by HB 5202 in 2022 and offers a clear, collaborative path forward to expand, support and govern recovery high schools across the state.

As the former President and CEO of Serenity Lane Health Services, I have witnessed first-hand the damage done by substance abuse on individuals' academic and vocational pursuits. This legislation would provide an opportunity for many of our at-risk students to continue their education in a recovery supportive environment.

Oregon ranks **last** 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 Friends of Lane County Recovery Schools **I urge your support for House Bill 2767** and ask that you vote **YES** on this critically-needed, thoughtfully-created legislation.

Thank you,



Mike Dyer, Board President, Friends of Lane County Recovery Schools

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