

School Meals for All (SB 1581)

To Senate Committee on Education,

Growing up, both of my parents were always working, and many days food security was uncertain. During the summers, the free lunches offered in my neighborhood meant that I didn't have to worry about whether I would eat that day since I could just go out and get a free meal. Those meals made me feel seen, cared for, and supported during a time when my family was stretched thin. Due to that experience, I deeply support free school lunches in Oregon schools. No child should carry the weight of hunger while trying to learn, grow, and simply be a kid. Providing free school meals is an act of compassion that helps ensure every student has the chance to succeed.

Thank you,

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