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Representative Margaret Doherty, Chair
House Education Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 2693 with the -2 amendment

Dear Chair Doherty and Members of the Committee,

I am writing today on behalf of the more than 21,000 members of the Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA) in support of HB 2693 with the -2 amendment.

OSEA represents employees working in Oregon school districts, community colleges, education service districts, Head Start agencies, libraries and park and recreation districts. This includes public and private sector school bus drivers.

HB 2693 is a bill establishing a grant program for school districts to receive reimbursement up to 50% for student transportation costs not currently covered under the State School Fund. This bill is important because many districts currently do not have the resources to offer additional school bus routes to allow for their students to participate in meaningful leadership, tutoring, and extra-curricular activities outside of the regular school day.

OSEA supports legislation providing schools and students with all the tools and support they need to achieve the quality education envisioned and required in the law including access to leadership, tutoring, and extra-curricular activities. We are also committed to working with this legislative body to find the revenue sufficient to establish this program.

Thank you,

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