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Bipartisan Chronic Absenteeism Legislation Passes Oregon House

SALEM, Ore. – Today, the House passed [HB 3199](#), a bipartisan effort to address chronic absenteeism in Oregon schools. The bill is a comprehensive approach to improving student attendance across the state. Developed through a 10-month workgroup with input from educators, administrators, school board members, and community stakeholders, the bill represents a unified, research-based strategy to address one of Oregon's most pressing educational challenges.

Chronic absenteeism continues to impact student learning and long-term outcomes. HB 3199 aims to standardize attendance data, improve family outreach, support early intervention efforts, and provide school districts with the tools needed to help students stay connected to their education.

"This is a victory for Oregon students and families. This bill represents the kind of thoughtful, collaborative policymaking we need to help students thrive," said **Rep. Hòa Nguyễn (D-Portland, Damascus)**.

"Chronic absenteeism is a silent epidemic with profound consequences for our students and communities. This legislation takes a comprehensive, research-based approach to addressing a far reaching problem; it will improve family engagement and make a meaningful, lasting impact on student success," said **Rep. Lisa Fragala (D-Portland)**.

"No matter what changes we make in our schools, if our students aren't there to learn, it will be a wasted effort. HB 3199 is a first step in making sure we understand why our kids are chronically absent. This isn't a silver bullet, but rather an arrow in the quiver as we work to ensure students who should be in school are in school," said **Sen. Weber (R-Tillamook)**.

HB 3199 will next be heard in the Oregon Senate.

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