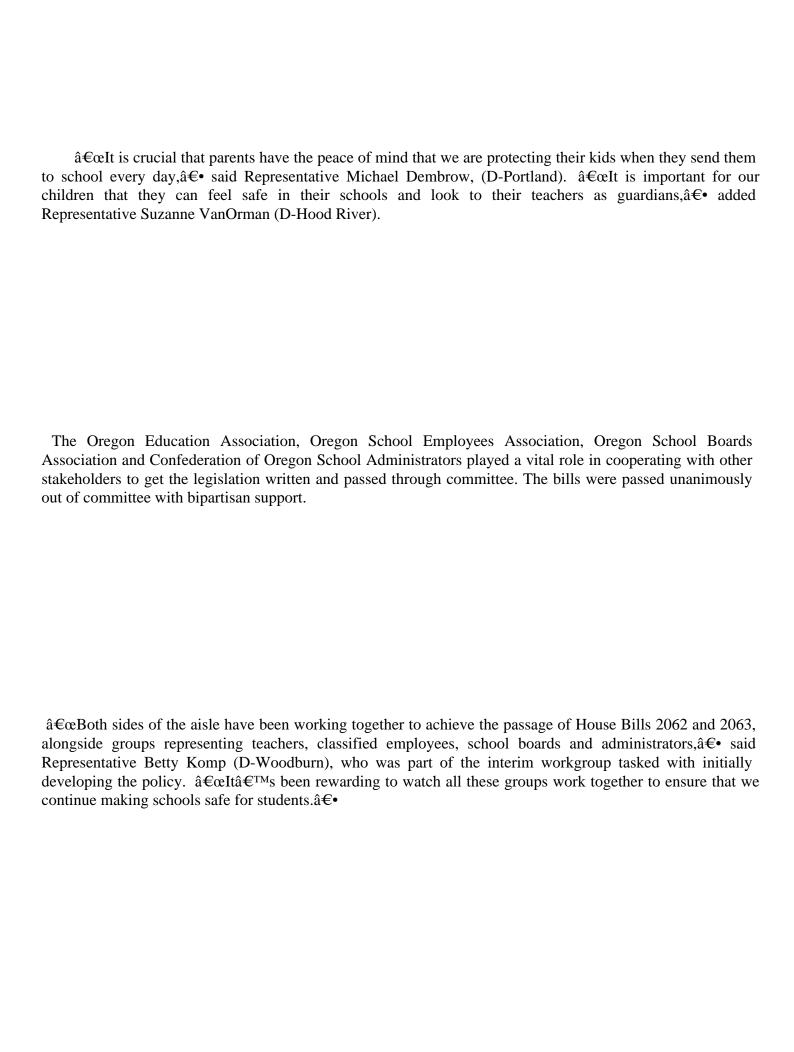
House passes student protection bills by Bend_Weekly_News_Sources HB 2062 And HB 2063 Create the Strongest Student Protection Regulations in the Nation SALEM, Ore. â€" The House on Wednesday passed two bills, HB 2062 and HB 2063, aimed at protecting kids from educator and school employee misconduct. The bills each passed by a vote of 58-0. "With these bills, Oregon will clearly have the strongest laws protecting the safety of school children in the nation, bar none," said Sara Gelser (D-Corvallis/Philomath), who chairs the House Education Committee and championed this bill through the committee process. "With the passage of HB 2062, we have demonstrated that this state puts the safety of children first and is committed to giving schools the best possible tools when they hire new employees."

HB 2062 bans secrete agreements between school employees who engaged in misconduct and school employers. The bill also requires training on avoiding, identifying and reporting sexual conduct and requires the transfer of information about substantiated allegations of sexual conduct and abuse during the new hire

process. The bill covers all school employees in public and private school settings.



Protecting Oregon's most vulnerable citizens from abuse is part of the House Democrats' 2009 Roadmap for Oregon's future. HB 2062 and HB 2063 are cornerstones of that effort.

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