Legislative History

- PECBA (ORS 243.650 - 243.782) governs employment relations between public employers and employees, including school districts. The employer and the labor organization are required to collectively bargain in good faith with respect to “employment relations.”
- Employment relations includes “mandatory” subjects of bargaining, such as direct or indirect monetary benefits, hours, vacations, sick leave, grievance procedures, and other conditions of employment.
- Other subjects may be bargained if there is mutual agreement to discuss these “permissive” subjects of bargaining.
- Since passage of Senate Bill 750 (1995), class size has been a permissive subject of bargaining. From 1989 until Senate Bill 750 went into effect, class size was a mandatory subject of bargaining. Prior to 1989, class size was a permissive subject of bargaining.

House Bill 4113 (2018) and House Bill 2651 (2017) would have made class size a mandatory subject of school district collective bargaining.

Both were OEA priority bills. OSBA opposed both bills.

Some version of this bill will probably be introduced in 2019.

Concerns, as described by school board members, include:

* Cost * Teacher Shortage * Labor Strife * Equity/Ability to Target Investments* Facilities/Space*The Next Funding Downturn... “the Only Thing Left to Cut is Days”*

How would your district be impacted if you had to bargain over class size?