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Joint Committee on Student Success:

I would like to urge the committee to move forward with HB 2019 and invest in Oregon education. Please encourage your legislative colleagues to do the same. As a 23-year veteran teacher in the Beaverton School District, I have seen the way budget cuts decimate high school science elective programs. How can we provide opportunities for kids to explore various science fields without strong elective programs? We need to cultivate more scientists and engineers in this state in order to meet future demands and challenges. Please make school funding a top priority.

Sincerely,

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