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Dear Joint Committee on Student Success,

Investment in education makes a difference on many levels for kids in Oregon. As a speech and language pathologist (SLP) in the school setting, I can speak to at least one important aspect of how this is true: The 2 Assistive Technology/Augmentative Communication Specialists in my district are highly specialized and trained to such a degree that they are able to assist SLPs and students in both communicating and accessing curriculum.

It is through investment in education that students are ensured best practice in accessing curriculum in order to participate comfortably not just in the school setting, but in society as well.

Thank you,

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