

Dear Committee Members,

I'm writing to provide comment to the Joint Committee on Student Success for the public hearing on Thursday, April 11 regarding House Bill 2019.

I want to add my support, as an early childhood special ed professional, for the committee's recommendation for roughly \$400 million in new investments in early childhood. Oregon is in an early childhood crisis, and the time is now for us to invest big in the collected solutions that work: child care, early learning, and partnerships with families!

Sincerely,
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