Dear Joint Committee on Student Success:

Please include these comments in the official record for HB 3427.

I am the English Language Learning teacher at Cooper Mountain Elementary School in the Beaverton School District. I have been employed with the school district since 2002, and I have loved my work with students, staff, and parents for 16 years. Every day I promise myself and my school community that today we will deliver high levels of academic education, social emotional learning, and a safe and nurturing environment for each and every child. Every few years we revisit the same difficulties and challenges with funding. It is time to set priorities for the present and the future of our growing state.

Excellent education is a large investment of time and money, and stable high-level funding is absolutely necessary to provide the many supports that our diverse community requires. **Please enact your investment package** to allow our children the human and material resources that they need each and every day. We owe an equitable and bright future for our students.

Thank you for your consideration and time,

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