



House Committee on Education  
Office of Representative Ricki Ruiz  
January 26th, 2023

Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs Hudson, Wright, and Members of the House Committee on Education,

I write to you today in support of House Bill 2739, which was scheduled for a public hearing on Wednesday, January 25th. For months now, we've heard from our public institutions of education, who have continuously flagged concerns that the Oregon Legislature's analysis of the Current Service Level does not accurately reflect the needs of our schools. Coming off of record investments into the Oregon State School Fund in 2021, we must continue taking the necessary steps to ensure we as legislators can accurately calculate the costs of K-12 education in Oregon, and act accordingly. It is my belief that HB2739 does just that by creating an inclusive, transparent and collaborative approach to determining the CSL by engaging with educators, school officials, and other education advocates.

It is my firm belief that adequately investing in quality education, and addressing the disparities that our students face on a daily basis will yield higher graduating rates, a more educated population, and an overall better quality of life. This also fits in line with our 40-40-20 model by 2025 through adequately investing in our schools. Colleagues, education has always been a key to a better life, and HB 2739 is an opportunity to prove that the Oregon Legislature prioritizes this, too.

Thank you,

**Ricki Ruiz**  
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