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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Revenue  
Measure: HB3221

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chairs Walters and Reschke, and Members of the House Committee on Revenue,

My name is Laura Bower and I'm a parent to two kids who attend our neighborhood elementary school in NE Portland. I'm writing to urge you to support HB3221 and raise the limit for the amount of revenue school districts can collect from a local option levy. Local public schools have been in a funding crisis for years and are in desperate need of increased funding to ensure all Oregonians have access to quality public education. Our school and the surrounding community has struggled with funding cuts resulting in fewer teachers and classroom supports for our children. Schools are not exempt from the rampant inflation that has impacted our economy and they are in desperate need of increased revenue.

Thank you again for your time and the opportunity to testify today. I urge you to support HB 3221 and help better support our public schools.

-Laura Bower - Portland, OR