

Submitter: Nora Kent

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Measure: SB5506

My name is Nora Kent, and I am a member of the Lane ESD Board of Directors. At the current \$9.9B, Siuslaw has reduced 1.5 FTE in classroom teaching services from this year's faculty roster.

With the funding being short of the current service level, the district has had to put plans on hold for hiring a Qualified Mental Health Associate or Licensed Clinical Social Worker for both the High School and Middle School. Additionally, the ability to contract for student aide "Skill Builders" has also been put on hold.

We estimate the shortage of current service level to be roughly \$510,000, and this would be the equivalent of the 3.5 certified FTE and 4 classified FTE skill builders the district could not bring on to serve students this year.

Our District and many others need the \$10.3 B requested to keep operating and give the kids the services they need. Thanks for your time and consideration.