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Chair Neron Vice chair Hudson Vice chair Wright and members of the house committee of education. My name is julianna easton and I live in klamath falls oregon. I am here in support of Bill SB 8198.

In the school year of 2021-2022 both of my special needs boys were given shortened school days. When I reached out to have them lengthen their school days I was denied.

My youngest son was given 30 minute days before school started with no other kids around and my oldest was given 3 hours of virtual chromebook learning. My eldest started having behavioral issues and would become angry when it came to him doing school work.

Again when I wanted to increase their times at school, the school was very resistant and made me believe they couldn't increase by boys school days due to behavioral outbursts and lack of stamina. I had to make contact with an attorney to assist me in advocating for a school day increase.

Finally after we increased my youngest sons time he has gone from being nonverbal to now making friends. He is now reading 179 sight words and is even able to do 3rd grade level math while being in 1st grade.

My eldest struggled with virtual learning and regressed academically and emotionally as well as socially. Since going to full school days, my oldest who is in 3rd grade was reading at a first grade level and can now read 70 sight words. He was also struggling in other subjects like math but have all increased significantly since starting full days. He now has little to no outbursts compared to his last school year.

Having this bill will help parents better understand their child's right when it comes to the ability of changing their kids schedule based on their needs. Thank you for your time.