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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Education  
Measure: HB4079

Chair Neron, and members of the House Committee on Education, my name is Alejandra Saechao, I live in Salem, and I am an educator in support of HB 4079.

Educators are committed to providing the best education possible for their students, but there are limitations to what we can offer in terms of resources and time. It can be challenging when students require additional supports that go beyond the scope of our role. This can include specialized services for students with learning disabilities, mental health support, individualized education plans, or language support for English language learners, among other needs. As educators, we want to see our students succeed and reach their full potential in our schools and our community, so it can be disheartening when we are unable to provide the necessary support. I often have to buy resources, supplies, food, and clothing for my students in a self-contained classroom for them to be willing to learn.

Every student deserves to receive the resources they need to succeed. The 11% cap on SPED weights is an arbitrary cap that does damage to our kids and pits those who need support the most against one another. Please vote yes on HB 4079, and ensure it receives the funding it needs so our special education programs can receive the funding it needs.

Sincerely,  
Alejandra Saechao