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On Behalf Of: 3053
Committee: House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce
Development
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3053

Dear Members of House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce
Development:

I am writing in full support of HB 3053 which would provide funding to the University of Oregon for a pilot program training graduate students who will ultimately be serving children with augmentative and alternative communication needs in a traditional overnight summer camp setting. This program will have a significant impact on families who are often excluded from camp experiences due to their complex communication needs. In addition to supporting families, this bill will train practitioners. On average, the University of Oregon graduates 30 students a year who are licensed to serve this population and this grant would allow us to effectively educate the students in evidence-backed practices for how to serve this large population who is dependent upon alternative means for communication. We have scholarship and practical expertise in this area and with funding could leverage our resources to fully train our students. By funding training of future practitioners, the impact is exponential as each of those students will go on to serve this population. I urge you to vote in support of HB 3053.

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