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On Behalf Of:

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 provides funding for a pilot program training graduate students who will ultimately be serving children with augmentative and alternative communication ( AAC) needs in a summer camp setting. There are multiple benefits of supporting this camp. 1) This camp would enhance graduate student training for master's level graduate clinicians studying to be speech language pathologists 2) The camp provides direct services for children with complex communication needs who utilize AAC. 3) The camp offers an element of support and training for families and caregivers of children with AAC needs. The AAC clinic at the University of Oregon has successfully hosted a summer camp and therefore has the practical expertise and ability to expand this unique training opportunity that serves students, families, children, families and caregivers. These children and families may have never had an opportunity to attend summer camp. By funding training of future practitioners, the impact has a spread effect as those students will go on to serve this population. I encourage you vote in support of HB 3053.

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