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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. This will would provide funding to the University of Oregon for a pilot program training graduate students who will have the opportunity to serve children with augmentative and alternative communication needs in a traditional overnight summer camp setting. As a bilingual and bicultural pediatric speech-language pathologist, I have witnessed the impact of providing children and their families with necessary supports and education on methods to increase communication and social connection using speech-generating devices when typical verbal speech is not happening due to numerous developmental conditions. The University of Oregon, on average accepts and trains 30 graduate students a year who are licensed to serve this population. With this grant the UO program could effectively educate the students in evidence-backed practices for how to serve this large population who is dependent upon alternative means for communication. As a graduate program have scholarship and practical expertise in this area and with funding could leverage our resources to fully train our students. This funding would allow training of future practitioners, with an exponential impact 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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