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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 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. I am a speech language pathologist who currently supervises in the HEDCO clinic and have worked closely with populations who are unable to communicate via verbal communication, and can speak to the great impact that providing evidence based services can do to support these clients. Providing children requiring AAC support with a traditional summer camp experience with experts who can provide speech pathology services for both the children and the caregivers would be highly beneficial. This would also be such a valuable training opportunity for our speech language pathology graduate student clinicians. I urge you to vote in support of HB 3053.