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Early investment in students has a long-term return and benefit for the state. District Special Education programs are underfunded and as a result general education classroom and SPED staff are stretched too thin, impacting the general student population and resulting in Oregon being unable to provide a free appropriate public education to kids with disabilities which is a both morally wrong and a costly risk.