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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2448  
Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs McIntire, Dobson, and members of the committee:

I am writing to express my strong and unequivocal support for HB 2448.

As a licensed teacher currently providing private tutoring for students with dyslexia, I can say firsthand how incredibly important adequate funding for Special Education is. In an effort to get to know Oregon schools when I moved here several years ago, I spent a couple of years as a substitute teacher, mostly in Special Education. I can say without a doubt that 1) the teachers here are extraordinarily hardworking, smart and dedicated and 2) teachers here are overworked to the point of exhaustion. It is not a coincidence that I have a continuous waiting list for students needing help outside of school--an unfair and inequitable situation since not everyone can afford private tutoring. This reflects not a lack of teacher talent, this reflects a lack of support for our teachers in the form of not only financial stability, but workforce stability.

Please support and vote for HB 2448. When we lift up one group of people, we lift up everyone.