

February 16, 2025

Representative Courtney Neron

Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: HB 2448

Dear Representative Neron:

My name is James Stobie and I am a parent who resides in Multnomah County. I am writing in support of HB 2448. School districts are overburdened with the costs of running schools daily, and the ability to be reimbursed for the high costs for students with disabilities will allow them to better serve their students and give special needs students the support they need to succeed at school.

My child is in special education at Whitman Elementary in Portland. I have seen the kind of work the teachers, paraprofessionals, and mental health staff do to make sure that kids from all backgrounds and with all abilities have a safe, stable, and accommodating place to learn. We are also a small school that is hit hard by budget constraints, and that giving access to more funds for special needs students would help immensely.

I hope that you vote yes on HB 2448 to increase the reimbursements to schools for high costs for students with disabilities. All students deserve a good education, and all students deserve the accommodations they need to achieve that education.

Sincerely,

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