



To: House Committee on Education
From: Oregon Education Association
Re: Support for HB 2448 (2025)

Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Education Association represents over 42,000 educators across Oregon, and across the education spectrum (from pre-K through community colleges); and we support HB 2448 with the –1 amendment.

While the State School Fund distribution formula does give students with special needs an additional weight of funding (however, just the first 11% of a districts' students), that is often not enough resources to meet the needs of our students who need the most supports. If, for example, a student needs a one-on-one aide, that is an entire FTE needed to support the student.

The High-Cost Disability account in the State School Fund helps alleviate this, by creating a grant program where students who need support well above the cost of a second SSF weight can get additional resources brought to them. The problem is that this grant program only covers about 40% of the total needs for these students.

HB 2448 aims to fix this inequity by increasing the funds that are dedicated to the HCD fund and paying for that increase by increasing support of the SSF with state general fund dollars. This ensures that the support that is going to our students in need is not at the expense of other students who also need support.

OEA urges support of HB 2448 with the –1 amendment.