



To: House Committee on Education
From: Oregon Education Association
Re: Support for HB 2682 (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 2682.

Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education are critical programs that support Oregon's students who have special needs from birth through five; ensuring that they have an opportunity to set the foundation on which their future education success will be built.

Folks often talk about upstream investments paying dividends down the road, and EI/ECSE is one of the most critical investments Oregon can make to ensure long-term success in our education system.

HB 2682 simply sparks a conversation aimed at ensuring that the "adequacy" for the program is calculated well. For example, OEA questions if using April as the snapshot for use is the correct time, as use of both programs consistently increases through the school year till June. Maybe the right time to analyze the use of the programs is June? HB 2682 simply creates a space for these questions to be asked and discussed.

OEA urges your support of HB 2682.