



To: House Committee on Education
From: Advocates For Disability Supports
Re: Support for HB 2448 (2025)

Chair Neron, Vice Chairs Dobson and McIntire, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Lisa Ledson, and I am here as part of **Advocates for Disability Supports**, a grassroots parent organization dedicated to children with disabilities. I am also the parent of a child with disabilities, making this issue deeply personal.

For too long, parents advocating for their children's education have been dismissed—told that their needs are too expensive, too complicated, or simply impossible to meet. But today, Oregon is experiencing a shift. As a proud member of a broad coalition of parents, advocates, educators, nonprofits, and education partners, I want to highlight our shared commitment to improving education for children with disabilities. Real change requires real funding, and securing that funding is the key to providing meaningful support. Today's hearing is a testament to that commitment.

HB 2448 is critical. Increasing the High-Cost Disabilities Account will ensure districts can provide students with individualized support. A child's needs don't disappear in the classroom—schools must be equipped to meet them. The proper support can mean the difference between success and failure, safety and harm.

This isn't just about numbers—it's about real children. My daughter, Hannah, has suffered head injuries, has been impacted by aspiration pneumonia after being gube fed incorrectly, and was slapped in the face by another student who lacked the meaningful support needed to remain regulated. This is what happens when students are denied the resources they require. These incidents are preventable with highly trained staff and quality support. We must act now.

We know that educating students with disabilities is costly, and that's precisely why funding must increase. This type of funding supports specialized instruction, transportation, and staff. HB 2448 provides the resources schools need to do what's right. Fully funding these services isn't just an investment in students—it's an investment in Oregon's future.

Our students, all families, and all educators deserve nothing less.

Thank you.

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