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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2448

Testimony in Support of House Bill 2448  
Presented to the House Education Committee  
February 17, 2025

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

My name is Dawn Watson. I've served as a school board member for Phoenix-Talent School District for 12 years and am currently Vice President of the OSBA Board of Directors. I'm here today to strongly support House Bill 2448.

Oregon provides additional funding for students whose costs exceed \$30,000 annually, but districts typically recover only about 40% of expenses above that threshold. This leaves significant gaps, especially for medically fragile children who require skilled medical support in schools.

House Bill 2448 would increase funding in the High Cost Disability Account, ensuring districts like ours can better meet these critical needs of these students. This support is essential for student safety, health, and education.

Please pass House Bill 2448 to help our most vulnerable students thrive.  
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Dawn Watson  
School Board Member, Phoenix-Talent School District  
Vice President, OSBA Board of Directors