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March 13, 2025

To: Chair [Rep. Nathanson](#), Vice Chairs [Rep. Reschke](#) and [Rep. Walters](#),  
[House Committee on Revenue](#)

Re: [HB 2953-A](#) – Remove cap on special education funding – Support

HB2953-A removes the percentage cap on the amount of moneys that are distributed from the State School Fund to school districts for students eligible for special education as a child with a disability. This is consistent with the League positions that **the state should provide sufficient funds to give each child an equal, adequate education. Further, all specifically state mandated programs should be financed by the state.**

Recently, the American Institute for Research recommended eliminating the State School Fund cap on special education funding. They noted that 88% of school districts throughout Oregon have exceeded the cap, but the waiver which is available to those districts covered only 30% of the amount of funding which they received for students under the cap. Accordingly, they reported that districts with more high-need students are receiving less money than needed. In addition, since public schools are required to accommodate these students' needs, they must make cuts in other programs.

We urge your support for HB2953-A.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Barbara Klein  
Acting President, LWVOR

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean W. Pierce". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jean Pierce  
Chair, LWVOR Action Committee