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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2953

Schools are forced to cover funding gaps by cutting other essential services or burdening local taxpayers, creating financial strain on already struggling communities.

Educational Inequities: In rural and low-income districts, families risk losing access to necessary educational support services, which can disadvantage students.

What HB 2953 will support:

*Equal Funding for All Students: By removing the 11% cap, HB 2953 ensures that every student with a disability receives the support they need to succeed.

*More Resources for Schools: Provides funding to address teacher shortages and ensure adequate staffing levels for special education programs.

*Improved Educational Equity: Supports low-income and rural districts by providing equitable funding for special education.

*Long-Term Benefits for Oregon: Investing in special education ensures that students with disabilities can achieve better academic and social outcomes, contributing to Oregon's economic growth and workforce development.

This may well be your pro DEI and CRT issues so by nixing this by the "no" vote violates these concerns.