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Chair Barnhart and Revenue Committee Member:

For the record, my name is Betty Komp and I represent House District 22. Thant's Woodburn/Brooks/Gervais/N. Salem.

- Youth in Juvenile Detention Education Programs (JDEP) are the same youth or are similarly situated as those youth who are in Youth Corrections Education Programs (YCEP). JDEP youth should have a funding formula that is equitable with that of the funding YCEP youth receive.
- National and research shows that there is a "school to prison pipeline" meaning that youth who are not successful in school are much more likely to end up in the criminal justice system. Students who enter the juvenile justice system face many *barriers to their re-entry* into traditional schools. The vast majority of these students never graduate from high school, and are disproportionately youth of color. JDEP programs help address the barriers to re-entry into traditional schools.
- Youth who come into county juvenile detention centers have a much higher percentage of behavioral problems in school, have been suspended and expelled, have special educational needs, and a higher rate of dropping out. These youth are in a position of educational deficit, and need extra support, not less support. They are at high risk for academic failure and future delinquent and criminal involvement.