



Feb 10, 2016

Senator Mark Hass, Chair
Members of the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Chair Hass and Members of the Committee,

Children First for Oregon advocates for long-term, systemic change by advocating for policies and programs that keep children healthy and safe while strengthening families. We want to express our support of SB 1545 which would allow communities to create a Children's Special District.

Voters currently can create 27 different types of special districts, from cemetery districts, weather modification districts, to mass transit districts. Allowing communities the option to create Children's Special District gives communities the option to self-fund programs outside of school hours to improve the lives of children.

Additionally, you have, or soon will have, a copy of the 2016 Children's Agenda produced by United for Kids. United for Kids participants share a commitment to public policy changes and shared investments that benefit the health, safety, economic security, and education of Oregon's children. Eight organizations belonging to United for Kids support this concept we hope you will join them.

Thank you for your attention and your work for Oregon's children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tonia Hunt", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Tonia Hunt
Executive Director