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To: [LRO](#); [Rep. Tina Kotek](#)
Subject: please support HB 2830
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Dear Co-Chairs Hass and Barnhart and Members of the Joint Committee on Tax Reform and Speaker Kotek,

I am writing to urge you to support HB 2830, which raises corporate taxes and provides \$8.5 billion in funding for K-12 education over the next two years. There is no doubt that our public schools need more resources. Large class sizes, low graduation rates, crumbling infrastructure, and one of the shortest school years in the nation are some of the characteristics of Oregon's K-12 public education system. We can - and we must - do better.

My son is a 2nd grader at Chief Joseph School in North Portland. He is brilliant and creative and has lots of emotions that are difficult to manage. Last year he benefited from a school counselor who hosted lunchtime groups for boys to talk about their emotions and how to manage them. This year she had to be on lunch duty, along with our principal, so there were no lunch groups for any kids. It is such a loss of programming for our children. Based on current budget projections, unless legislators vote to raise additional revenue, our schools will be implementing significant cuts over the next two years.

HB 2830 generates enough revenue to avoid these painful cuts over the next two years. However, HB 2830 does not raise revenue enough to fund our schools at the level we know is required to meet Oregon's educational goals, still leaving us unacceptably far from the funding levels that the Quality Education Model indicates are required to operate a system of highly-effective schools in Oregon.

While HB 2830 is a step in the right direction, it does not fully solve the problem of providing adequate resources for our public education system. Please pass HB 2830 and then continue the difficult but vital work required to ensure that we have the resources to fully fund K-12 education and other critical services.

Sincerely,

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