

Dear Committee, I am writing in support of House Bill 2019, and all funding's designed to help our schools break the 'boom or bust' cycle. As a full-time teacher of 15 years, and a parent of a 14-year-old, (my daughter also went through the elementary school that I taught at during the 2011 cut back), I have survived a few cutbacks. The ways in which the lack of funding affects our schools are many, too long to list, resulting in increased tension for kids and teachers alike. I still have a sadness in my heart just remembering the many ways in which her education was compromised, one of the most obvious and immediate being overcrowded classrooms, though it went far beyond that. I have hope that we can finally end this cycle that Oregon has become so accustomed to. We need your help!

Thank you for your time and hard work!

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