

Dear Committee Members,

I'm writing to provide comment to the Joint Committee on Student Success for the public hearing on Thursday, April 11 regarding House Bill 2019.

I was glad to see that your committee has approved roughly \$400 million in new investments in early childhood programs and services. Investing in early childhood reduces inequality, expands young minds, and sets children on the path to success.

As an early childhood professional who is married to the administrator at an early childhood special education program, our family sees the needs of our community's children.

Please continue to fund early childhood programs in Oregon!

Sincerely,  
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