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.

I work with seriously at risk children and families in my job including many children who are currently separated from their biological parent(s). I am especially supportive of evidence based Prevention Programs such as our Oregon Relief Nurseries.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

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