

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 volunteer at and serve on the board of the Relief Nursery in Coos Bay. I see first hand how important early childhood programs are for our families at South Coast Family Harbor.

Sincerely,

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