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Honorable Members of the Joint Committee on Student Success:

I am a tech specialist in the Beaverton School District. I have had two sons go through Oregon's K-12 education model in the Beaverton School district. During the school budget crisis of 2011-12, their middle school classes at the International School of Beaverton were 45+ students to a teacher, who the year before was teaching second grade, or in an administrative position.

Throughout their high school years, course offerings were thin in the areas of English Composition, Math, and Science, and non-existent in computational thinking, coding, CTE, introductory engineering, all modern courses in which students are enrolled in the Beaverton Schools currently.

When they were accepted at Oregon state universities, to compete with students from around the US, were they prepared? No, even though they graduated with high GPAs from Oregon public schools, they struggled and have repeated first year math classes. I wonder if they had experienced a fully-funded education between 2011-16, if the costs for college tutoring and failed credits would have been less. Sixty percent of Oregon's college freshman will not graduate. This is how we prepared our current group of college students.

In the last several years I am seeing many amazing things happening in the Beaverton School District. Collaboration, innovation, critical thinking, creativity has been the result of adequate funding for K-12 education.

Yet, we are about repeat cuts to education *again* in the upcoming year. How does that affect the future workforce we want, and our state's ability to attract high wage jobs and 21st century companies to Oregon?

It only makes sense to fully invest in Oregon's K-12 education. HB 2019 is a good beginning to creating strong educational pathways for all our students, and as a result, an Oregon workforce ready to compete in a global world.

Sincerely,
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