

I am writing in support of HB 3427. I have personal experience with the cuts to the education budget here in Oregon. My son was entering 7th grade when the Beaverton School District had to cut over \$40 million dollars. He had 40 students in his writing class, over 60 in his PE class, and teachers who were daily hitting a wall when they tried to teach. He was able to get away with doing substandard work, and it was hard for his teachers to hold him accountable, as well as being difficult for a parent to track. A child who had loved school began to find it worthless. What is worse, he has never fully recovered despite moving on to college.

School year 2012/13 was underfunding at its worst and we all remember the nightmare. Now it seems we are getting ready to relive that experience and in a time of great prosperity for Oregon. It is time to make a change in the way we fund Oregon's education system from preschool through college. In the interest of doing this, I strongly support HB 3427.

Thank you,

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