Dear Committee Members,

I'm writing to provide comment to the Joint Committee on Student Success for the public hearing on Thursday, April 18 regarding House Bill 3427.

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.

Sincerely, Teresa Gonczy O'Rourke 2143 N Kilpatrick Portland, OR 97217