

*"Please include these comments in the official record for HB 3427."*

JCSS,

I'm a public high school teacher in Oregon and am greatly concerned about school funding. We need to invest in our youth and give them a quality education. We have lost wonderful educators at my school over the past few years because we did not have the budget to support their expertise. One such teacher was an engineer that would've developed an amazing curriculum to increase students' knowledge of the dynamic and fast growing field of engineering. Further, I'm not able to purchase some materials for my classroom because we have had our funding cut short. Students were not able to provide essential materials for class and the school wasn't able to accommodate their needs.

I believe if we adequately fund our schools this will be a huge return on investment. We will have highly educated workers that will push Oregon and the greater NW to become a better place to live.

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