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

Dear Joint Committee on Student Success,

I am writing to impart my support in HB 3427 to invest in education and make a difference for Oregon students. I am a school counselor who sees the impact of large class sizes and not enough support services for our students who so desperately need them. I am especially worried that our most sensitive population--students with special needs and students who are struggling with mental health--are not getting what they need because we do not have enough funding for important interventions and programs. I have seen first hand that a teacher who can spend time with each student, building relationships and focusing on their varied needs, can make such a huge difference. When classes are too large, the teacher physically and literally can not get to every student or meet the needs and demands that these students have.

I urge you to put kids first. I urge you to put education as a priority for Oregon's future.

Thank you for making an investment in our students. I know that when we make our kids a priority, our future can be bright.

Sincerely,

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