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I have been an occupational therapist in Portland Public Schools for 28 years and I support t his Bill. Over the years our caseloads have increased significantly, while student needs have also increased, making it impossible to provide students with care they need. A large part of the OT role in the schools is to support Social Emotional Learning and regulation. This requires direct instruction to the students as well as education to school teams. If our caseloads were capped we would be able to provide this critical education which is necessary for students to be successful learners and community members. Please join me in support and let's help Oregonians access the care and services of occupational therapy, so they can live their best lives!