

Submitter: Jamie Painter

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Education

Measure: HB5015

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Dear Co-Chairs Frederick and McLain and Members of the Joint Ways and Means Education sub-committee,

My name is Jamie Painter and I am the mom of a first grader at Scott Elementary School in NE Portland where I serve on Scott School PTA Board. In this position I've had the opportunity to connect my fellow parents, teachers, and staff throughout the Portland Public School System. There is a clear consensus that our students are still reeling from the pandemic. Too often our students, teachers and staff are not having their needs met.

The Quality Education Commission in their The 2022 QEM estimated that it will require a State School Fund investment of \$11.889 billion to achieve lasting educational gains for all students. I worry that the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) initial proposal of appropriating \$9.52 Billion general fund dollars to the State School Fund will not be enough to meet the needs of our students, address our workforce challenges, or even address the increase in keeping the lights on at our schools.

I worry about the future of our state if we continue to fail to meet our children's educational and emotional needs. That's why I write to you today to ask you to oppose HB 5015 as written, and urge you to increase the appropriation level to a minimum of \$10.3 billion.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this critical issue!

Kind regards,
Jamie Painter