

Chair Neron, Vice Chair Dobson, Vice Chair McIntire and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for your commitment to the education of every child in Oregon!

I'm writing to encourage the passage of HB 2953. I encourage you to make sure that special education and mental health support is available for every child who needs it.

I had a son who was privileged to obtain special help from Kindergarten through high school. He graduated and went on to lead a productive life. Had he not had that extra help, starting at a young age, I doubt he would have been such a happy, productive and independent adult.

Education is the key to success in life. One doesn't need an advanced degree but it's extremely important to have a basic education that allows one to read, reason, and have math and language arts skills.

Gratefully,

Jane Rabe