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Regarding HB 2953

A cap for special education that was set 30 years ago is not appropriate to today's educational landscape. In 1995 no one had heard of homelessness. There was no post pandemic generation. My niece who teaches at Marysville school tells me stories about behaviors (throwing chairs, hitting teachers) that I couldn't imagine happening in a classroom. My great niece in kindergarten is inured to the class activities being stopped for 5 year olds acting out in dangerous ways. Kids diagnosed with Special Needs are not getting any help due to the lack of funding.

Even if adequate funding is not immediately available, it makes no sense to limit it by a law created when the need was not so great.

Please pass this law get rid of the cap on Special Needs funding. Thank you.