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On Behalf Of: Marysville Elementary School Portland
Committee: House Committee On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2953

Honorable members of the committee:

I am writing in support of HB 2953 that would raise the cap on funds distributed to school districts for special education students.

My niece-in-law teaches fifth grade at Marysville Elementary School. She requested that she be reassigned from Laurelhurst Elementary School to Marysville two years ago because she wanted to help less-advantaged students. While her determination to help all students has not wavered, she describes the classroom situation as very challenging. Her description of what some of her fellow Marysville teachers face on a daily basis is simply untenable. Hence, it's not surprising that some longtime teachers have simply quit.

I implore the committee to recommend raising the cap from the State School Fund for students eligible for special education as a child with disability.

Thank you for your consideration and your service.

Susan Seyl