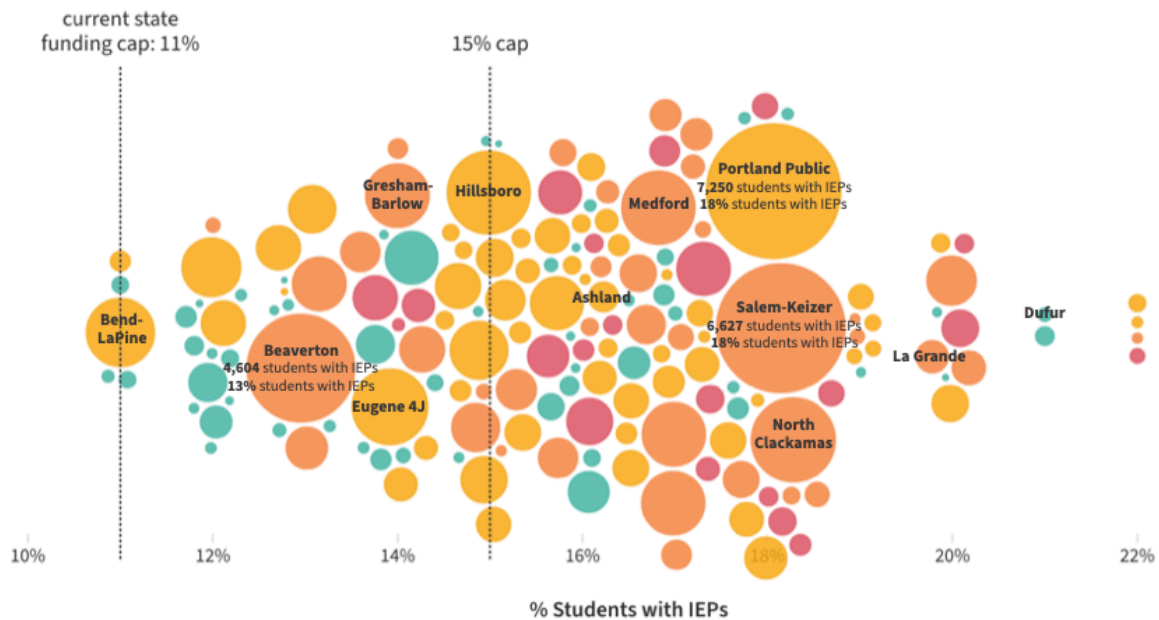


## HB 2953 - Remove the 11% Special Education Funding Cap

Dear House Committee on Revenue,

The 11% cap on special education funding is severely outdated and doesn't address the reality faced by Oregon's school districts. Despite this cap creating a financial disincentive to identify students with disabilities, some of our largest districts still identify 18% of their students as needing IEPs.



Source: DisabilityEdData.org/funding  
Data: Oregon Dept of Education, 2022-23 school year

Anyone who has gone through the IEP process understands it requires significant time and resources from educators, specialists, and families. When we artificially limit funding to 11% while actual needs are much higher, we force districts to make impossible choices between identifying students who need support and maintaining financial stability.

Removing this cap would allow districts to properly identify and support all students with disabilities. Every child deserves access to education, and our funding model should reflect this right, rather than create barriers to the proper identification and supports they need.

Thank you,  
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