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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing in support of HB 2953. As the parent of a paraeducator who works with special education elementary students in Oregon, I am acutely aware of how important their support is to their students. I'm also aware of how difficult the job is, and how the lack of financial support impacts it. When schools can't afford to hire enough special ed teachers, and/or paraeducators, the folks who are picking up the slack suffer and the students suffer. This bill could help rectify that situation, especially in districts with fewer financial resources.

I strongly support this bill, on behalf of the special education students, teachers, and paraeducators.