



To: Chair Nathanson, Vice Chair Reschke and House Committee on Revenue
Re: In Support of HB 2953-A
Date: March 15, 2025

I am writing today on behalf of Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) to express strong support for HB 2953A. COIN is made up of nearly 50 Indivisible groups from across Oregon that collaborate to protect democracy and progressive values, including full funding for education.

We support lifting rather than revising the cap. As the committee is aware, the number of students who need significant support is expected to keep rising. Right now, about one quarter of children who qualify for SPED services are not receiving them, largely because of the lack of funds. Let's not risk another cycle of underfunding when we outgrow another cap. Instead, HB 2953 would enable school districts to provide the services actually needed for the actual number of students who need them.

HB 2953A is an important step toward full funding for special education programs (SPED) in K12 schools.

Respectfully,

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