

Submitter: Slaten Bickford

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee
On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5516

Helping kids on the margins brings long term benefits and cutting services to them hurts Oregon in the long run. We need funding to make sure that kids in need, but who lack a strong team to advocate for them, can still receive special services to help them succeed. My son is autistic and receives special services from PPS. Because of a tight budget, this required a high level of advocacy from his school principal, special ed teacher, and others, as well as from me as a parent. He is lucky to have a team like that willing to push for him, what about the kids who don't?