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I am writing in support of HB 4125 the Revenue Forecast Modernization Act. I'm an occupational therapist in an Oregon public school at Parkrose School district. I see situations where the school district faces shortfalls and are unable to support our most fragile population of children with special needs especially behavioral needs. When we are unable to support these children with our current resources, the state pays an outrageous amount of money to send these children to specialized schools. Our teachers are already so strained with some supporting large class sizes that make teaching nearly impossible with the amount of children requiring specialized attention (sometimes 1/3rd of the class population with specialized education plans - IEPs) all demanding attention from 1-2 adults with many students struggling with being able to manage themselves safely (throwing chairs, eloping out of the schools, etc). I know that as a mother I would not want my child (now a toddler) in an Oregon school as they currently are. For two election cycles we have been unable to secure an increase of funds to the school district where I work. The wealthiest Oregonians do not need exorbitant tax credits while our schoolchildren do without adequate staff support that most other states have. Please support HB4125 to help secure Oregon's future.