

HB 4125 - Ender Testimony in Support

Chair Nathanson, Vice Chairs Reschke and Walters, and members of the committee,

My name is Althea Ender. I am a Director on the David Douglas School Board in East Portland, however my testimony today is my own opinion and not an official statement of that Board. I write you today in support of HB 4125.

We need all the options on the table to fix the gaps in funding education in Oregon. HB 4125 would take a serious step in the right direction by correcting a habitual disconnect between the economic forecast and reality. Our school district is not alone in the facing multiple years of budget shortfalls despite continuing cuts and diligent resource stewardship. Allowing additional funds to be reinvested in the costs of education is the most responsible use of the revenue dollars entrusted to our state.

Today, our students and schools are facing trade-offs we shouldn't have to make because of decisions made decades ago. With the choices made now, we can make good on our promise of a better future for our children. I urge you to vote YES to support and advance HB 4125.