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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1507

I urge you to PASS SB1507 to protect education funding and the jobs that support students every day.

My daughter is a sophomore at Century High School in Hillsboro, and due to budget cuts, the school has lost its theatre department—a program that served over 100 students in 2024–2025.

Theatre gave students hands-on experience in leadership, teamwork, and technical skills. By opening night, students ran the entire production themselves. It was also one of the most inclusive spaces on campus, welcoming students of all backgrounds and abilities, including those with disabilities and autism.

These aren't just arts programs—they teach real-world skills and help students grow into confident, capable adults.

Oregon cannot produce well-rounded graduates without investing in all aspects of education, including the arts. Please do everything you can to prevent further cuts and PASS SB1507.