

Testimony in Support of SB 1507 A
Oregon School Employees Association
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Co-Chairs and members of the committee,

As our voice in Salem, we are counting on you to reject some of the most egregious and costly tax breaks for corporations and the wealthy and prevent cuts to public safety, schools, childcare, and other critical services. That begins with voting yes on SB 1507.

SB 1507 helps recoup \$311.6 million in funding for programs Oregonians care about by “disconnecting” Oregon from automatically mirroring some of the most costly tax loopholes in H.R. 1.

To be clear, there is more work to do beyond SB 1507. There is still a larger budget gap to close, and balancing the budget by slashing programs Oregonians rely on is the wrong approach. But one thing is certain: passing SB 1507 is a critical first step in addressing the budget crisis created by H.R. 1.

Special Education serves both our most vulnerable students, and also helps support our General Educations teachers when a student falls beyond their skill set. Children are our future, including the ones with disabilities. They deserve equitable access to education, and it starts with having enough funds to provide them with the tools and staff to help them do so. Current funding for students with the most significant special education needs only covers about 40% of expenditures. More funding is needed to ensure that we are covering the costs to provide critical services to our students, now is not the time to make cuts. Just this year I had to choose between buying more visual timers or snacks- these kids should be able to have both. There were questions about if I should split my time between two schools- these students deserve to have their familiar people around them every day at school.

The decision before you and your colleagues this session should be clear: Prioritize protecting Oregon families, not further enriching the ultra-wealthy.

Please vote YES on SB 1507.

Thank you,

Morgan Murray

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