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Enhancing the educational experience for OSD students

The Honorable Sara Gelser
Chairwoman, Senate Committee on
Health Care and Early Childhood
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senator Gelser,

The Friends of the Oregon School for the Deaf (FOSD) is in strong support of Senate Bill 449. Creating a permanent Office for Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Services (ODDBHHS) would ensure that necessary and seamless social services be provided to an underserved group of over 186,00 individuals.

Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing individuals in Oregon deserve the best the state can offer in the areas of advocacy, education and training, communication and interpreting services, a range of counseling options, case management, and community outreach.

Senate Bill 449 should be passed. All citizens in Oregon deserve the highest level of concern and respect.

Sincerely,

Friends of OSD Board

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