

January 29, 2024

Chairperson Molly Baumgardner  
Senate Education Committee

Dear Chairperson Baumgardner:

I am providing opponent testimony to SB 386.

- This may represent a significant drop in General Fund revenue that was not planned or able to be predicted because the higher year is no longer an option;
- Districts are currently making hiring decisions for next year right now. The effect date (if next year) could be problematic as districts are making those hiring decisions today.
- Failure to provide at least one (ideally two) option other than the current year does not give districts a chance to appropriately right-size their staff.
- The concern of helping districts meet the needs of students that are here today is valid; To that end, is there a way to help those districts, without harming others in such a short timetable.



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