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Bill Number: HB2738

Revising the special education state aid statewide excess costs calculation to count additional funding, requiring the state board of education to determine each school district's excess costs and to establish a special education state aid equalization distribution schedule.

Position: Opponent Testimony, Written-only

Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 3:30 PM

Committee: House Committee on K-12 Education Budget

Chair: Rep. Kristey Williams

Madame Chair and Members of the Committee,

This bill has not allowed the Special Education Task Force to review and give input on this bill. Plus, the public hasn't been given enough time to understand what's in the bill. Why rush this bill? I want the children in our state who need special ed services to have the best opportunities possible to succeed. This bill would not give enough funding for educating children who need special ed services.

I urge you to oppose HB2738 in its current form. Instead, please refer it to the special task force for review and recommendation, and allow the public ample time to review and understand the drastic changes proposed to special education funding.