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Senate Budget and Tax Committee – BRFA Hearing - SB 284

House Appropriations Committee – BRFA Hearing – HB 392

Oppose the tuition freeze to the nonpublic special education schools

As an educator, I am here to advocate for careful consideration of the funding for MANSEF schools. Firstly, because it is the right thing to do. In a country founded on the idea that “all men are created equal” - if we truly believe in the idea that our humanity makes each individual equally worthy of respect then special education students need and deserve funding that helps them create lives of dignity and purpose.

But secondly, in a more bottom line way, special education funding needs to be considered thoughtfully because providing these students with the funding for services to face their challenges at a critical juncture in their lives empowers them to have agency over their lives, which in turn allows them to use their unique perspectives, skills, and talents to contribute to our state and country. Creating opportunities for special education students to learn effectively in environments that are supportive pays dividends in the future.

Special education funding is not a “nice thing to do.” It is not charity. It is vital to create a State and country where each individual is valued and can contribute to society. It expands resources for everyone. It grows our society.

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