



1 HB 1464 – High-Cost Student

2 Testimony in support

3 The functionality of the current contract system of students no longer meets the good  
4 logic test. Let me provide an example. Currently if you have a student would be a special  
5 education student and the team determined that attendance at a public school outside of  
6 their district of residence was in the best interest of that child, there will then ensue a  
7 contract between those districts. In functionality what happens is that the district of  
8 residence would receive the per-pupil payment and then enter into a tuition agreement  
9 contract with the district the child would attend. They would send to that district the per  
10 pupil payment but because it is a tuition fee, that amount sent to the district doing the  
11 education is then subject to the in-lieu limitation. Hence the educating district only has  
12 25% of the per pupil payment to conduct the education. Elimination of this contract  
13 system would mean that when you take the student, they just become your student just  
14 like any other open enrollment. Then the educating district would receive that per pupil  
15 payment, it would not be subject to in-lieu, and they would have the full payment to  
16 educate the student.

17 The second piece of this is the high-cost student who is NOT a special education student.  
18 Currently if you have a special education student and the cost to educate is more than the  
19 traditional per pupil, there is funding support for that student once the cost reaches 4x  
20 the cost. This benefit is NOT in place when that student is not a special education student  
21 but is a high-cost student due to medical needs. While rare, this does happen occasionally  
22 and can be incredibly detrimental to a school budget. In a smaller school a student that  
23 costs nearly \$100k to educate (if, for example, they need a full-time nurse) would be  
24 debilitating for a district. The amendment to this section enables the inclusion of a  
25 medical high-cost student to be fiscally supported after 4x the cost as well.

26 We ask that you consider supporting this bill.