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Director of the Department of Education

TO: Chair Neron & Members of the House Education Committee

DATE: Mar 2, 2023

FROM: Zoe Larmer, Government Relations Director

RE: Question posed about the Transportation Grant

Chair Neron and Members of the House Education Committee,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to provide additional information in regards to the Transportation Grant. We are more than happy to continue providing information to you on our work and look forward to our continued partnership on behalf of all Oregon students. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you need further information.

With gratitude,
Zoe Larmer

Question & Answer For Transportation Grant Presentation

Question: Could you point us to recent legislative attempts to change transportation funding for schools?

Response:

[HB 2693 \(2017\)](#) was the first attempt to create the special grant that was mentioned at the informational meeting by Mike Wiltfong; this idea eventually passed in 2018 ([HB 4130](#)). The discussion leading up to HB 2693 focused on opening up the transportation grant; under Representative McKeown's leadership, there were many work group meetings to land at what was passed as HB 4130 in 2018.

The transit tax passed in 2017 ([HB 2017](#)) and then was modified to include youth passes in 2018 ([HB 4059](#)). There have been many conversations over the years regarding moving transit passes into the State School Fund as well.