



To: Members of the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee

Re: OEA's opposition to SB 1542 (2024)

Date: February 12th, 2024

Chair Meek, Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Education Association represents 41,000 hard working Oregonians, from kindergarten through community colleges, and from every community in our state.

OEA is opposed to SB 1542.

The Corporate Activities Tax funds the Student Success Act, which has become a series of policies and programs that are critical to our state's public schools, and the students they serve.

For a comprehensive list of the current programs supported by the SSA, please see my attached testimony, but some of the most critical programs are:

- Our new literacy program;
- Expanded school meal;
- High School Success plans;
- And – most importantly – the School Investments Accounts, which help fund improved mental health support and lower-class sizes for students.

Carve outs to the CAT, means lower revenues for these critical student supports. And while theoretically there could be an increase of another state fund to backfill, that would only serve to hurt our students by having their education directly compete with their housing or healthcare.

All Oregon's critical services are interconnected, and we must do everything we can to protect our revenue streams so that our most vulnerable students can realize the promise of this great state.

That is why OEA does not support SB 1542.

STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

2023-2025 PROGRAM FUNDING

Student Success Act (SSA) investments represented by account: *Student Investment Account, Statewide Education Initiatives Account & Early Learning Account*. Together, all three accounts make up the “Fund for Student Success.” In addition to these three accounts, the Fund for Student Success allocates moneys for reserve funds, state administration, High-Cost Disability Fund, and State School Fund.

STUDENT INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

\$1.09 billion

Student Investment Account (SIA)

Non-competitive grant; funding distributed by per student formula to improve student outcomes and well-being.

Who is eligible? School districts, eligible charter schools, YCEP/IDEA

STUDENT INVESTMENT ACCOUNT
at least
50%

STATEWIDE EDUCATION INITIATIVES
up to
30%

EARLY LEARNING ACCOUNT
at least
20%

STATEWIDE EDUCATION INITIATIVES ACCOUNT

\$90 million

Early Literacy Success School Grants

Non-competitive grants to increase early literacy for PK-3 students. Funding distributed by per student formula.

Who is eligible? School districts and (non-virtual) public charter schools serving students in grades PK-3

\$26 million

Intensive Program/Student Success Teams

Focused supports to districts to advance **Student Investment Account** implementation.

Who is eligible? Identified school districts with the highest needs

\$42.8 million

SIA District Support

Non-competitive grants; technical assistance for **Student Investment Account** implementation.

Who is eligible? ESDs

\$4.17 million

Public Charter Schools Equity Grants

Non-competitive grants; funding distributed by per student formula.

Who is eligible? Public charter schools with at least 65% students from identified groups with historic academic disparities

\$177.6 million for total funding of \$324.9 m

High School Success

Non-competitive grants; distributed by per high school student formula.

Who is eligible? School districts, public charter schools, YCEP/IDEA and Oregon School for the Deaf

\$107.1 million

Expanded Access to School Meals

Reimbursement funding; based on number of school meals served; Non-competitive breakfast equipment grants.

Who is eligible? School districts, public charter schools, and other eligible providers

\$3.8 million

Early Indicator and Intervention System (EIS)

Non-competitive grants to support systems that track student progress toward graduation; funding distributed by per student formula.

Who is eligible? School districts and public charter schools

\$1.9 million

EIS Technical Assistance

Contracts to provide technical assistance to schools on best practices for EIS system.

Who is eligible? Organizations with expertise on EIS systems

\$3.1 million

Statewide School Safety & Prevention System

Non-competitive grants, agreements or contracts to provide coordinated & regionalized school safety services.

Who is eligible? ESDs and other eligible providers

\$7 million

Educator Professional Development

Two initiatives: Educator Equity Programs at TSPC (\$4.3M) & Professional Learning Grants for Equitable Systems Change (\$2.7M)

Who is eligible? Educator candidates, Tribal governments, ESDs, school districts

\$2.05 million

Recovery Schools

Competitive grant; Awards cover costs of enrolled students (in addition to the SSF allocation).

Who is eligible? ESDs, school districts and public charter schools. Up to 3 approved recovery high schools

\$7 million for total funding of \$8.75 m

American Indian/Alaska Native Student Success Plan

Grants and contracts; Awards based on statewide plan and criteria established in rule.

Who is eligible? Tribal governments, Community-Based Organizations, School Districts, ESDs, Early Learning, and Higher Education

\$3.4 million

Tribal Nations Educator Collaborative

Non-competitive grants for Tribal Grow Your Own Programs (GYO) & Tribal History/Shared History (TH/SH) Professional Learning.

Who is eligible? Tribal GYO: Tribal governments & TH/SH Professional Learning: School districts, ESDs, and Tribal Governments

\$12.9 million for total funding of \$19.7 m

African American Black Student Success Plan

Competitive grant; Awards based on statewide plan and criteria established in rule.

Who is eligible? Community-Based Organizations, school districts, public charter schools, ESDs, Early Learning Hubs, providers of early learning services, post-secondary institutions

\$4.17 million

LGBTQ2SIA+ Student Success Plan

Competitive grant; Awards based on statewide plan and criteria established in rule.

Who is eligible? Community-Based Organizations, school districts, public charter schools, ESDs, Early Learning Hubs, providers of early learning services, post-secondary institutions and Tribal governments

\$6.34 million

Latino, Latina, Latinx & Indigenous Student Success Plan

Competitive grant; Awards based on statewide plan and criteria established in rule.

Who is eligible? Community-Based Organizations, school districts, public charter schools, ESDs, Early Learning Hubs, providers of early learning services, post-secondary institutions and Tribal governments

\$2 million

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Student Success Plan

Competitive grant; Awards based on statewide plan and criteria established in rule.

Who is eligible? Community-Based Organizations, school districts, public charter schools, ESDs, Early Learning Hubs, providers of early learning services, post-secondary institutions and Tribal governments

\$8.7 million

Youth Reengagement Program

Competitive grant; Awards based on criteria established in rule

Who is eligible? Community-Based Organizations, school districts, public charter schools, ESDs, Tribal governments, local governments, local workforce boards, alternative schools, and community colleges

\$8.6 million

Summer Program Grants/Title I Schools

Non-competitive grants for identified Title 1 schools; distributed by per student formula.

Who is eligible? Identified Title 1 public schools and charter schools serving K-8 students

\$4.65 million

ESD Support to Small and Rural School Districts

Non-competitive grants to provide technical assistance and reduce administrative burden for rural and small school districts

Who is eligible? ESDs

\$11.1 million

Wildfire Recovery Reimbursement

Non-competitive grants for temporary declines in school enrollment resulting from wildfire-damaged homes and schools.

Who is eligible? Wildfire-impacted school districts

EARLY LEARNING ACCOUNT

\$24.9 million for total funding of \$26.6 m

Early Childhood Equity Fund

Competitive grant; Awards based on criteria established in rule.

Who is eligible? Culturally specific programs and organizations

\$17.6 million

Early Learning Program Supports

IGAs/contracts for support services for Preschool Promise such as enrollment, eligibility, coaching, TA, assessments, inclusionary supports.

Who is eligible? Organizations with expertise in providing support services for early learning programs

\$193.5 million for total funding of \$365.4 m

Oregon Prenatal to Kindergarten

Competitive grant; Awards based on criteria established in rule.

Who is eligible? Federal Head Start and current Oregon Pre-K Grantees

\$147.8 million for total funding of \$187.7 m

Preschool Promise

Competitive grant; Awards based on criteria established in rule.

Who is eligible? Tribal governments, Family Child Care, Child Care Centers, Head Start and OPK, other community based organizations, school districts, ESDs

\$8.2 million for a total of \$24.4 m

Relief Nurseries

Funding distributed by Department of Early Learning and Care.

Who is eligible? Certified Relief Nursery sites

\$6.1 million for total funding of \$41 m

Healthy Families Oregon (HFO)

Funding distributed to Healthy Families Oregon grantees

Who is eligible? Healthy Families Oregon grantees

\$4.3 million

Parenting Education

Funding distributed in partnership with Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative.

Who is eligible? Parenting focused organizations

\$26.1 million

Professional Learning and Workforce

Funding to provide professional development, coaching & technical assistance to child care providers.

Who is eligible? Organizations with expertise on high-quality, early learning practices

\$93.8 million for total funding of \$336 m

Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education

Funding distributed by ODE to service providers.

Who is eligible? EI/ECSE Contractors (8 ESDs & 1SD)



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