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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon OPPOSES SB 541
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB541

I OPPOSE [SB 541].

I placed "SECTION 8" first so you could see the cost of this program.

"...SECTION 8.

In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$20,000,000, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 2 of this 2025 Act

SECTION 2.

(1) Each school district board shall ensure that:

(a) All schools of the school district with any grade from kindergarten through grade eight offer computer science education and computational thinking experiences at all grade levels; and

(b) All schools of the school district with any grade from grade 9 through 12 offer at least two computer science courses, at least one of which is a foundational computer science course.

(2) The Department of Education shall develop and maintain programming to:

(a) Support current teachers in expanding their capacity to teach computer science courses and to integrate computational thinking experiences into existing classes and curricula; and

(b) Support and expand equitable access to culturally responsive and sustainable computer science education for all students.

(3) The department may hire permanent staff for the purpose of carrying out the department's duties specified in this section.

(4) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to carry out this section..."

***Explain, "... (b) Support and expand equitable access to culturally responsive and sustainable computer science education for all students..."

I agree Computer skills and computation thinking are requisite for our modern world.

***I cannot support [\$20,000,000] out of the GENERAL FUND to be spent on [SB 541].

***[SB 541] in addition to other school expenses should come from the Lottery-but the Legislature has screwed up this revenue stream as well.

Property Taxes cannot sustain the giveaways and or the necessities of education.

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Mr. Oregon Concurr and says, "Oregon finances are so screwed up a Sales Tax is almost inevitable."