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I OPPOSE [SB 726]. Camouflaging (D.E.I.) as "Equity, Diversity and Inclusion" ain't going to fool anybody.

Let us review a few troubling sections contained in [SB 726].

From the TEXT of [SB 726], "... SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Education shall enter into a contract with a training provider experienced in online educator training to develop and offer annually online professional development modules for all substitute teachers in Oregon. The modules must address but need not be limited to: ... (d) Equity, diversity and inclusion."

***As you should be aware, camouflaging, "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)" by renaming the latter "Equity, Diversion and Inclusion (EDI)" is more than likely going to expedite elimination of all Federal funding for Oregon's Education Department.

***Elon and the DOGE Brothers are certain to be irritated at the attempted cheesy deception of "(EDI)."

"...SECTION 6..." Limits the "Traveling Substitute Teacher" from having Health Benefits. The "Substitute teachers should be afforded Healthcare Benefits anywhere in Oregon.

***The eligibility of the substitute Teacher to qualify, meet time deadlines, amounts to receive for Health Care Benefits are burdensome and oppressive.

"...SECTION 8. The Substitute Teacher Insurance Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund.... The moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Educators Benefit Board for the purpose of reimbursing districts for the cost of paying premiums for health benefit plans for substitute teachers under section 6 of this 2025 Act...."

***There is going to be a need to allocate taxpayer money to the Departments of Education, Administrative Services and Revenue to keep track of the disbursements et cetera.

"... SECTION 9. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Educators Benefit Board, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, for deposit in the

Substitute Teacher Insurance Fund established under section 8 of this 2025 Act, for the purposes specified in section 6 of this 2025 Act...."

***The curse of "open-ended" GENERAL FUND budget allocation is the final "Kiss of Death (K.O.D.)" for this piece of Legislation.

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Mr. Oregon Concur and says, "Substitute Teachers should be provided Health Care without having to 'Hop through Administrative Hoops.' They should be able to be "paid in lieu" if they want to forego the Health Care benefit."