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To: Joint Interim Committee on Public Education Appropriation
From: Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN)
Re: **Opposition to SB1555**
Date: Feb. 12, 2026

The Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) opposes SB 1555 and we strongly urge you to pass this important legislation this year.

COIN is a coalition of more than 75 local Indivisible groups throughout Oregon that cooperate to advance important federal and state legislation and engage with elected officials to promote progressive causes for the benefit of all Oregonians.

We agree with the Oregon PTA and other stakeholders that SB 1555 is an unnecessary expenditure.

The Quality Education Model already exists, and yes, we absolutely need to revise and modernize the QEM. All of the infrastructure is in place. ODE has a full-time staff person to work on nothing but the model and to publish the QEM report every 2 years. The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and Governor Tina Kotek as State Superintendent of Public Instruction have the mandate to lead in modernizing the QEM. These are sufficient resources to do most, if not all, of the work that SB 1555 aims to outsource to a third party.

What we don't need is an expensive, duplicative study that isn't aligned with efforts already ongoing. If the work delivered by ODE does not meet quality standards, the legislature needs to address this issue with ODE - not spend additional tax dollars.

Please vote NO on SB 1555.

Respectfully,

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On behalf of the Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN)