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On Behalf Of:
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NO ON SB 1555.

I'm a retired high school biology teacher (32 years of service in Oregon). I agree with the Oregon PTA and many others with Oregon students' best interests at heart: SB 1555 is not the right vehicle at this moment in time, while we are experiencing such severe budget shortfalls.

The Quality Education Model already exists. The problem is that Oregon legislature has never funded schools to the level recommended by the model. While I can agree it's time to revise and modernize the QEM, we do not need to start over from scratch. And, with all due respect, we need to leave recommendations for funding quality education in Oregon in the hands of the education professionals at the Department of Education, NOT with the Legislative Research and Policy Office.

Thank you,
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