

Submitter: David Wall
On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon OPPOSES SB 5703
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5703

I OPPOSE [SB 5703]. This Legislation should be in the "Long Session" and not the "Short Session."

From the TEXT of [SB 5703 -1],

*** "...the department shall satisfy lottery bond debt service obligations in the amount of [\$389,965,797] \$388,147,396 for outstanding lottery bonds..."

***Selling "Lottery Bonds" for various projects to attain-[\$388,147,396] for outstanding lottery bonds debt service is grossly irresponsible. All "Lottery Bond Sales" must end.

***"...\$5,402,757 for expenses of the Regional Solutions Program...."-Eliminate the Regional Solutions Program with extreme prejudice.. You will save more than the amount for unsubstantiated "Expenses."

***"... "Sec. 26. Notwithstanding and in lieu of the percentage-based transfers of moneys described in ORS 327.001 (4)(c), for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, the Department of Education shall distribute the moneys in the Fund for Student Success established by ORS 327.001 as follows:

...“(1) \$1,109,828,482 to the Student Investment Account established in ORS 327.175;

...“(2) \$541,287,875 to the Statewide Education Initiatives Account established in ORS 327.250; and

...“(3) \$550,384,601 to the Early Learning Account established in ORS 327.269.”

***The aforementioned expenditures listed in "Sec.26"are grossly irresponsible.

***Retire the Lottery Bond Debt, supra.

***"Sec. 26" requires restructuring with the express purpose of paying down indebtedness, more allocations to school capital projects and hiring more teachers.

*** FEDERAL FUNDS cannot be relied upon. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) discriminatory per se programs will cut off funds.

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Mr. Oregon concurs and says, "[HB 5703 -1] is a damning portrait of Dorian irresponsibility and a classic example of 'Kicking the can down the road.' You should be ashamed of yourselves."