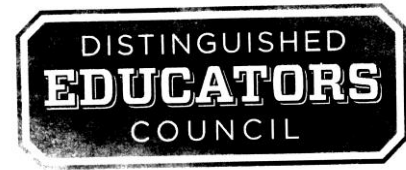


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Chair Sara Gelser
Education Committee
Oregon State House



RE: HB 3233

Chair Gelser and Members of the Committee,

The Distinguished Educators Council believes that a coordinating structure for investments in the professional corps of educators would be a positive step forward and, should one be created, it should include these bills or funding requests.

Continued Funding for the Beginning Teacher and Administrator Mentoring Program

The Council recommends this program be funded at \$10 million for the next biennium so that all first AND second-year teachers and administrators can receive support. Council members emphasize the importance of continuing mentor support for two years.

New Funding for Technical Assistance for Educator Performance Evaluations

The 2011 Oregon legislature's Senate Bill 290 requires all Oregon K-12 school districts to design and implement new teacher and principal performance evaluation systems by July 2013. Districts are working hard to meet the new requirements and need statewide tools, trainings, and technical assistance to succeed. The Council supports state funding of \$3 million over the next biennium for this purpose. The Council stresses, though, that state support should be provided equitably to large and small districts.

Continued Funding for the School District Collaboration Fund

The 2012 legislature established this \$5 million Fund, monies ODE grants to districts to engage educators in developing and implementing plans to strengthen teaching and learning. The Council endorses supporting this Fund at \$12.3 million over the next biennium to continue support for districts engaged in the first round of funding and to bring a few additional districts into the program. Even that level of funding, the Council acknowledges, would fall far short of the monies needed to provide all Oregon districts this opportunity. The Council stresses that this Fund should not be diverted to implementation of 2011's Senate Bill 290, and that state support should be provided equitably to large and small districts.

New Funding for the Development of New Models of Teacher Preparation

The Council supports state funding of \$2.5 million over the next biennium to support the design of new models of teacher preparation developed collaboratively by K-12 school districts and university Schools of Education. The Council recommends programs that emphasize lengthy clinical experience – on-the-job preparation and coaching.

Educator Professional Development Clearinghouse

The Council supports moving the Clearinghouse to ODE and charging the Department with making the Clearinghouse a viable tool to support educator professional development. The Council stresses, too, that for the Clearinghouse to be an effective tool in support of professional learning it must be a teacher-driven product.

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