

**Department of Education and Oregon Education Investment Board
Report on Strategic Initiatives and Network of Quality Teaching and Learning**

The Education Subcommittee recommends the Joint Committee on Ways and Means acknowledge receipt of a report on the education strategic initiatives and the Network of Quality Teaching and Learning.

The Budget Reports of the primary funding bills for the Oregon Department of Education and the Oregon Education Investment Board both included a budget note which required the agencies to report on the progress of implementing the education strategic initiatives authorized in HB 3232 and the Network of Quality Teaching and Learning authorized in HB 3233. Almost \$75 million was made available for these two new sets of initiatives. Most of this funding was designated to be distributed as grants and other assistance to school districts, ESDs and other education related organizations.

The report outlines the relatively aggressive schedule for distributing this funding in three rounds. It is anticipated that all funding will to be awarded by May 2014. Funds have already been distributed for those programs already existing, or where it was important to get distributed early in the current school year. The agencies outlined their “lessons learned” from their process including greater technical assistance for smaller and rural districts, the importance of partnerships in developing proposals for some of the funding streams, and the need for flexible funding cycles. The text of the report includes lists of who have received grants to this point for each of the over 30 different initiatives authorized by the two bills.

The Education Subcommittee recommends approval of the request.