

**HB 5016**

**Department of Education**

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HB 5016 is the budget bill for the Oregon Department of Education. This agency provides leadership, technical assistance, funding, and oversight of programs relating to K-12 education, early learning, youth development, special education, compensatory education, and school nutrition. The agency also is responsible for distributing the State School Fund and operating the School for the Deaf. The Education Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$2.2 billion total funds with \$541.8 million General Fund, \$1.4 million Lottery Funds, \$145.4 million Other Funds and \$1.0 billion Federal Funds. Staffing of 545 positions and 514.13 FTE is recommended.

Investments in this budget include the following:

- There are major increases in the spending for early learning programs including a total of \$24 million General Fund for Healthy Families Oregon the home visitation program, additional funding for Early Earning Hubs bringing total funding to \$15 million, \$9.1 million for Kindergarten Readiness grants, and \$27 million for preschool programs including an additional \$8.8 million for Oregon Pre-Kindergarten and a \$17.5 million for a new mixed delivery preschool program in the second year of the biennium.
- CTE and STEM share \$35 million General Fund including continuing the Regional Stem Hubs and CTE Revitalization grants. New programs are established including STEM Innovation grants, CTE summer programming, a Career Pathways Fund, and initiatives to increase the number and skills of CTE and STEM teachers.
- Professional development investments include \$16 million for school district collaboration grants and \$10 million for teacher mentoring. Another \$7.2 million

General Fund is directed at assisting low performing schools and districts as well as providing specific training for their leaders.

- To assist in closing the achievement gap for some students, a \$3.0 million African American Education plan and a \$1.5 million pilot project directed to improve attendance of Native Americans are funded.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 5016 be amended by the -2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.