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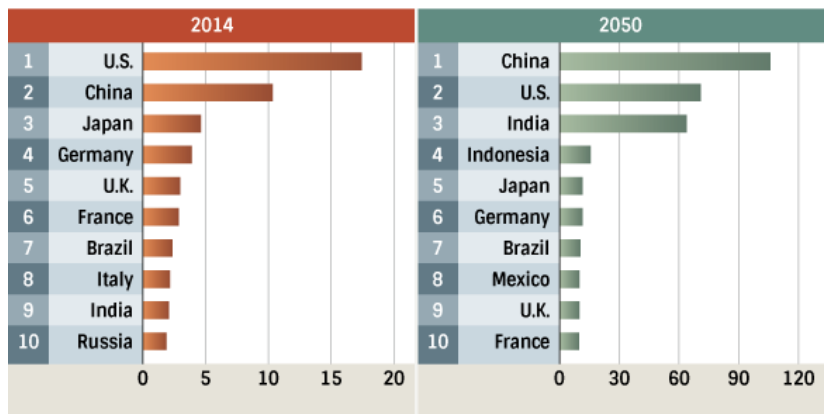
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Subject: Fund dual language immersion start-ups in strategic languages in SB 5516

Trade relations and the geo-politics of the Asian-Pacific region are in turmoil. China continues to grow its economy and military. North Korea may soon be able to hit Portland with a nuclear missile. Much of the Asian-Pacific region felt snubbed as President Trump rejected the Trans-Pacific Partnership. It is difficult to foresee the long-term future of the region. But the region will be important.

Please make a statement that Oregon see itself as a vital and engaged part of the Asian-Pacific region by allocating \$400,000 for four dual language immersion start-ups (\$100,000 each) in strategic languages. Fund one DLI start-up each in Mandarin, Hindi, Indonesian, and Japanese.

World's top 10 economies in 2050 at market exchange rates, nominal GDP; in trillions of U.S. dollars



Source: The Economist Intelligence Unit

Here is my 2013-14 count of kindergarteners in Oregon dual language immersion programs. These are not the statistics of a state engaged in the Asia-Pacific region.

Kindergarteners in Dual Language Immersion Oregon, Statewide, 2013-14		
Spanish	2,384	5.6%
Japanese	165	0.4%
Mandarin	76	0.2%
French	100	0.2%
Russian	90	0.2%
Total	2,815	6.6%
All Kinders	42,728	100.0%

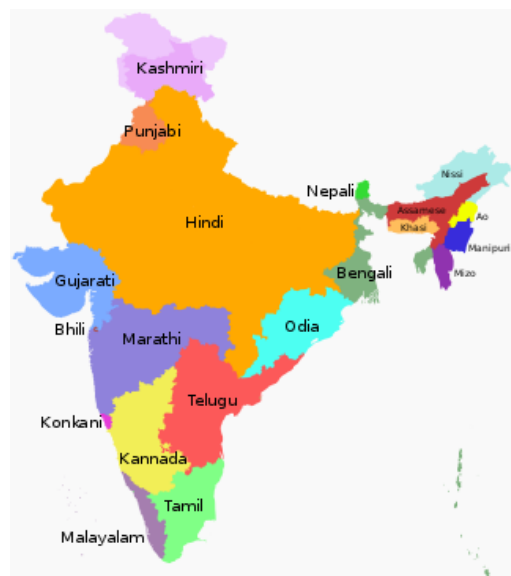
Utah has many more Mandarin immersion programs. Here is a Fall 2016 comparison with Oregon.

Dual Language Immersion Programs Elementary school level				
	Oregon Fall 2014	Utah Fall 2014	Utah Fall 2016	Utah Growth
Spanish	66	54	59	5
Mandarin	3	31	34	3
French	2	13	13	
Portuguese	0	6	6	
German	0	2	2	
Japanese	2	0	0	
Russian	2	0	0	
Vietnamese	1	0	0	
Total	76	106	114	8
Total Statewide				
Enrollment 2013	567,100	595,799		

Mandarin: Oregon currently has three public Mandarin immersion programs: Two in Portland Public Schools (Woodstock, King) and one the Beaverton (Hope Chinese Charter School). Portland Public Schools and the Eugene School District may each add a Mandarin immersion in 2017-18. Many more are needed.

Japanese: Portland Public Schools and the Eugene School District each have Japanese immersion programs.

Hindi: Hindi is the fourth most-spoken first language in the world, after Standard Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and English. Apart from specialized vocabulary, Hindi is mutually intelligible with Standard Urdu, another recognized register of Hindustani. Along with the English language, Hindi written in the Devanagari script, is the official language of the Government of India. It is also one of the 22 scheduled languages of the Republic of India. Hindi is the *lingua franca* of the so-called Hindi belt of India. Outside India, it is an official language in Fiji, and is a recognized regional language in Mauritius, Suriname, Guyana, and Trinidad and Tobago.



Indonesian: Indonesia has an estimated population of over 260 million people and is the world's fourth most populous country, the most populous Austronesian nation, as well as the most populous Muslim-majority country. The world's most populous island, Java, contains more than half of the country's population.

Indonesia's economy is the world's 16th largest by nominal GDP and the 8th largest by GDP at PPP, the largest in Southeast Asia, and is considered an emerging market and newly industrialized country.

The official language of Indonesia is Indonesian. Indonesia has more than 700 living languages, making it the second most linguistically diverse country after Papua New Guinea. These 700+ languages, however, are without official status, and some are in danger of extinction. The largest local language is Javanese.

Indonesian is a standardized register of Malay, an Austronesian language that has been used as a lingua franca in the multilingual Indonesian archipelago for centuries.



Of Indonesia's large population, the majority speak Indonesian, making it one of the most widely spoken languages in the world.

Most Indonesians, aside from speaking the national language, are fluent in any of more than 700 indigenous local languages; examples include Javanese, Sundanese and Madurese, which are commonly used at home and within the local community. However, most formal education, and nearly all national mass media, governance, administration, judiciary, and other forms of communication, are conducted in Indonesian.

The Indonesian name for the language is *Bahasa Indonesia* (literally "the language of Indonesia") or sometimes simplified as *Bahasa*.



Thank you.