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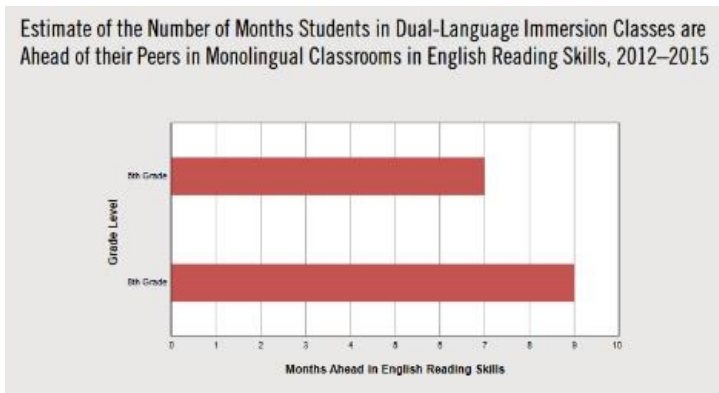
To: House Committee on Education
From: Dave Porter
Subject: HB 3208

Please, do not vote HB 3208 out of committee

The current Oregon educational system is outdated and inefficient. To freeze the current educational status quo would handicap all its students throughout their lives and put our state and nation at an increasing disadvantage in an increasingly competitive international system. Change is needed now. Every year counts.

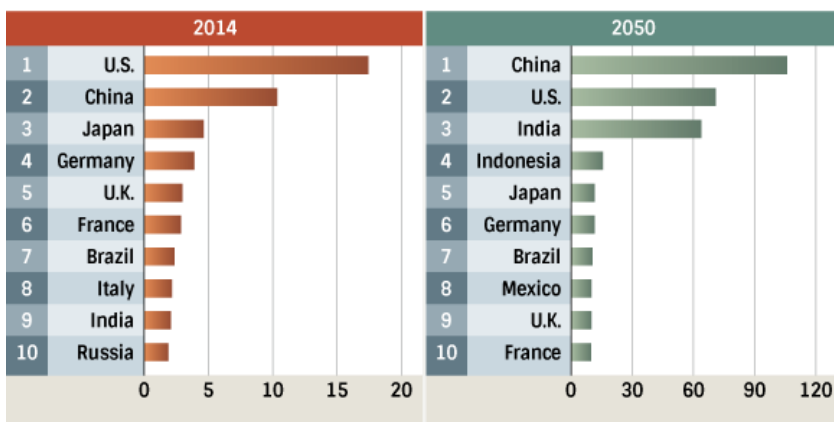
For its economy and national security, Oregon needs to expand its dual language immersion programs and start paid high school study abroad programs. To be more cost-efficient Oregon needs to use digital technology, especially high school online programs, to reduce costs. So, the organizational structure, curriculum standards, assessment system, and how public education in Oregon is operated or measured all need to be changed now.

Two reminders: (1) Research shows dual language immersion program are better for all students. From the Rand- PPS study:



(2) Changes in the world will not stop just because Oregon does not want to change its educational system.

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



Source: The Economist Intelligence Unit