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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Education Subcommittee

Re: SB 13 Relating to Native American curriculum in schools

Representative Smith Warner: "SB 13 directs the Oregon Department of Education to develop a curriculum for relating to Native American history and experience in Oregon in collaboration of the nine Tribal governments in the state. It is likely that the curriculum will be offered primarily in 4th grade, 8th grade, and in one high school grade. The agency is to make the curriculum available or school districts as well as to provide professional development relating to the curriculum.

The budget bill for the Department of Education includes \$2 million General Fund for this initiative, with \$200,000 for the agency's responsibilities and the remaining \$1.8 million to be distributed as grants to the nine Tribal governments across the state to assist in the development of the curriculum.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 13 be reported out do pass."