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Re: Senate Bill 1522-1
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Chair Roblan and members of the Senate Committee on Education:

On behalf of OSBA membership, including 197 school districts and 19 Education Service Districts throughout the state of Oregon, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 1522 and the -1 amendments.

In 2017, the legislature and the Governor, with the support of various education stakeholder groups including OSBA, passed SB 20. That bill brought Oregon statutes into compliance with 2015 federal legislation, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

SB 20 modified a great number of statutes, including those permitting State School Fund (SSF) support for transition programs for some students with modified diplomas. SB 20 unintentionally jeopardized the ability of those types of programs to receive SSF dollars. SB 1522 returns the relevant statutes to their pre-SB 20 (2017) status, and makes clear that those transition programs will continue to receive SSF support. The -1 amendments further include Youth Corrections Education Program (YCEP) and Juvenile Detention Education Program (JDEP) program support, which was also unintentionally impacted by SB 20 (2017).

OSBA supports SB 1522-1, and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.