

Microsoft SB 1590: Computer Science State Plan

Oregon 7,077 Open computing jobs (Oregon monthly average)

953

Computer Science Graduates (2018)

Policy Environment (rubric):

No dedicated state funding for CS professional development

Does not require all high schools to offer CS

No K-12 CD curriculum standards

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What the measure does: The Department of Education in consultation with the STEM Investment Council, shall develop a statewide, long-term strategic plan to provide computer science education opportunities to every public-school student in this state by the 2028-29 school year.

Background: In a world increasingly reliant on technology, data, and a rapidly growing demand for tech sector jobs - Oregon is missing the opportunity to prepare its residents for the future. Currently, the state of Oregon has no intentional plan for integrating computer science into our education systems and therefore, limiting the opportunities and full potential of our students.

The plan will:

- Be based on a framework that guides students from computer users to computer-literate creators who are proficient in the concepts and practices of computer science, as defined by national frameworks.
- Identify immediate, practical and systemic changes that focus on equity and inclusion that can be implemented in the public schools of Oregon to increase students' access to computer science.
- Identify standards and curriculum guidelines as well as strategies to incorporate computer science education into existing academic content standards for grades before grade nine.
- Identify strategies for ensuring that computer science education is made available to students who may experience academic disparities, and that those students are met to succeed in computer science.
- Identify standards for professional learning for teachers that focus on inclusive and effective computer science instructional methods and ensure that professional learning is made available to the teachers of this state.

Nine Policies to Make Computer Science Fundamental



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