

I OPPOSE [HB 49]...Why "No" competition-size swimming pools-"It's the economy, stupid."

Due to the "piss-poor" management of the Lottery Funds, schools continue to suffer.

Spending any amount of time and money to, "... study the availability of competition-size swimming pools at public and private secondary schools throughout this state" is cruel and indicative of substandard management of taxpayer assets. Any studies will be out-of-date when money to build, operate and maintain the pools becomes available.

[SB 49] builds up unrealistic hopes "competition-size swimming pools" will appear anytime in the next several years, if ever.

*Is anyone in the Oregon Legislature paying the slightest attention to the rudimentary analysis of inflation and the interest rate acrobatics of the Federal Reserve System (FED)?

**The Terminal interest rate set by the FED is in the range of [4.5-4.75%] but expected to climb higher possibly eclipsing [6%] by the end of 2023. Recessionary times are coming.

What is the total cost of one competition-size swimming pool? Construction costs alone will be prohibitively high and does not begin to cover ongoing operational and maintenance costs.

How can anyone in Oregon hope to afford, "...competition-size swimming pools at public and private secondary schools throughout this state..." when the debt service for financial obligations, incurred by the Housing and Community Services Department is [\$155,800,792.00] and growing.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB5511/Introduced>

"Open-ended" allocations from the GENERAL FUND are unacceptable. (See SECTION 2 BELOW)

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[HB 49] states, "SECTION 1. The Oregon School Activities Association shall study the availability of competition-size swimming pools at public and private secondary schools throughout this state. The association shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and must include recommendations for legislation to support construction, maintenance and operation of competition-size swimming pool facilities at all accredited secondary schools within this state, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2023.

... SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$ _____ for distribution to the Oregon School Activities Association for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2023 Act."

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