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The Honorable Senator Dembrow & Members of the Senate Ed Committee

With apologies, I am unable to attend the hearing today regarding SB 1066.

In addition to my auditing work I have taught in both Oregon & California, and served on the Oregon Department of Education Audit Committee.

The establishment of this task force will allow all benefits and shortfalls to be discussed and develop recommendations for future legislation regarding distance education.

Questions such as quality of education, the effect on students in distance learning, as well as negative aspects on in-person learning in the schools can be explored.

From an audit perspective, in simple terms, is this the best 'bang for the buck?'

I appreciate your consideration of SB 1066 and urge its passage.

Thank you,

Steve March

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