

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** The Honorable Senator Sollman, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Representative Ruiz, Co-Chair  
Joint Public Education Appropriation Committee

**From:** Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office

**Date:** 10/27/2025

**Subject:** Response to Member Questions – October 22 Presentation

In response to member questions on October 22, 2025, the following information has been prepared for the Joint Public Education Appropriation Committee.

### QUALITY EDUCATION COMMISSION COSTS

The Quality Education Commission is not budgeted as an independent agency. The funding to support the Commission resides within the Oregon Department of Education’s (ODE) budget, including the position authority. ORS 327.500 defines the membership of the 11-person commission and authorizes the payment of compensation and expenses under ORS 292.495, which is \$30 per day for time spent on official duties. Expenses of the Commission include items such as meeting costs, in state travel, out of state travel, Commissioner compensation, and personnel expenses. One full-time research position and 10% of two additional research positions within ODE support the Commission’s work. Below is a chart of the 2023-25 spending and estimated 2025-27 expenses associated with the Commission.

Quality Education Commission Expenses			
BIENNIUM	TRAVEL AND MEETINGS	PERSONNEL	TOTAL COST
2023-25	7,955	445,119	453,074
2025-27*	8,000	491,021	499,021

*\*Travel and meetings costs are estimated based on prior biennial expenses*