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Oregon State Senate

Vote Explanation: SB 283

I was so pleased to cast a YES vote on SB 283 which represents landmark investment in the needs of our Education workforce.

One of the provisions of SB 283 is the creation of the Safe School Culture Grant to support training a cohort of certified instructors in CPI (Crisis Prevention Institute) nonviolent crisis intervention. The intention of the grant is to create continuity across districts in how staff are trained to respond to crisis situations. This is why the grant prioritizes training instructors through the Crisis Prevention Institute's Nonviolent Crisis Intervention program. Not only is the program used by the majority of districts in the state, Oregon successfully worked with this program for a similar statewide initiative for staff working in residential children's programs.

The intention of this grant is that the certified instructors complete all of the requirements to achieve and maintain credentials to teach CPI. The measure requires each certified instructor funded by this grant to train a minimum number of staff each year. Training is not completed until each of these individuals reaches certification status as described by CPI. It can not be completed simply by reviewing handouts or watching a video. A person must complete the certification standards set by CPI.

CPI does offer several tiers of certification including levels that do not include physical interventions. Certification at any of these levels will satisfy the requirements of the measure for the number of certified staff each certified instructor is required to train as a condition of the grant.

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Senator Sara Gelser Blouin