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**VOTE EXPLANATION**

June 3, 2021

Timothy G. Sekerak

Chief Clerk of the House

State Capitol Building, H271

Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation SB 5514 – Education Budget Bill

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I voted no on SB 5514, the State Education Budget Bill, because as a member of the House Education Committee I signed a bipartisan letter on June 1<sup>st</sup> advocating to fully fund Education at \$9.6 Billion dollars rather than the \$9.3 Billion in this bill. During the debate of SB 5514, Rep. Greg Smith motioned to move the bill back to the Joint Committee on Ways & Means to fully fund education with an additional \$300 Million. Unfortunately, the Democrat members that signed the letter with me, did not support the motioned to re-refer.

With record revenues, the former passage of the Student Success Act, CARES Act and ARPA relief, we have the resources to invest in our students, as they finally return to in person instruction. I have and will continue to advocate for fully funding our education in Oregon. With my no vote, I hope the Senate has a better opportunity to move the bill back to Ways & Means, so that we can add the additional \$300 million and fully fund education for our youth.

Respectfully,

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