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Senator Janeen Sollman Applauds Investments in STEM Education

Champion for STEM education praises \$5 million investment in computer science education

HILLSBORO – Today, Governor Kate Brown announced \$5 million in funding to schools and community-based organizations that provide computer science education to students across Oregon. Joined by Senator Janeen Sollman, Governor Brown made the announcement at SparkLab, a center for STEM education located in downtown Eugene.

"Today is a win for Oregon. Investing in computer science education gives students a pathway to succeed in globally competitive STEM fields," said <u>Senator Janeen Sollman</u> (D-Hillsboro), a legislative champion for STEM education. "As we celebrate STEM week in Oregon, it has never been more important that students find relevance in their education relating to current technology, and that we prepare them for the workforce of tomorrow. I am proud that Oregon will also begin to lay the foundation for a statewide plan, which will give students the skills and tools they need to succeed in today's world."

Senator Janeen Sollman works at a Washington County educational technology company that provides opportunities for STEM education across the state and internationally. She currently serves on the Career and College Pathways Steering Committee at the Hillsboro School District, where she was a school board member for eight years prior to being a legislator.

The \$5 million investment will be made from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funds. This investment will be dedicated to schools and community-based organizations to ensure that Oregon students are provided with computer science education opportunities, with an emphasis on creating opportunities for women and students of color.