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### **Key education bills win final legislative approval**

*Legislation includes targeted investments in early learning, reading proficiency, kindergarten readiness*

SALEM—The Oregon Senate today passed four bills identified as key pieces of the state’s early learning and education goals.

“These bills align state education programs in order to make our schools more effective and ready to meet the challenging goals we’ve set to ensure success for our students,” said Senator Mark Hass, chair of the Senate Education and Workforce Development Committee. “We have already passed a historic budget for K-12 schools, but we can improve public education in Oregon by making these smart, strategic investments.”

Bills passed this morning include:

- **Youth Development:** HB 3231A creates the Youth Development Division in the Oregon Department of Education, which will evaluate and integrate youth services provided to students from first grade kindergarten to adulthood with the goal of improving supports for youth to be successful and reducing criminal involvement;
- **Strategic programs:** HB 3232B specifies targeted investments in Oregon Reads, Guidance and Support for Post-Secondary Aspirations, and Connecting to the World of Work, including investments in STEM programs;
- **Educator network:** HB 3233B establishes the Network of Quality Teaching and Learning, aimed at making educators more effective and promoting student-centered learning;
- **Early Learning:** HB 3234B creates the Early Learning Division in the Department of Education to ensure students have access to high-quality, early care and learning experiences to serve as a foundation for academic success.

“Oregon children deserve a quality education, and these bills deliver key investments to improve our school system while getting the greatest value out of every dollar,” said Senator Rod Monroe (D-Portland).

House Bills 3231B, 3232B, 3233B, and 3234B will all now proceed to Governor John A. Kitzhaber for his approval.

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