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Senator Knopp Supports Minority Report to Protect Education Funding and Aid Victims of Domestic Violence

Salem, OR - Today, Senator Tim Knopp (R-Bend) voted in support of a minority report to HB 2700. The minority report, HB 2700 A-Eng., fixed provisions in the bill that puts Oregon's K-12 funding at risk and fails to adequately support victims of domestic and sexual violence.

"Class Action reform is a necessary priority for the legislature this session," said Senator Knopp. "But the approach of the majority party jeopardizes education funding and fails to adequately support Legal Aid for victims of domestic violence. This bill is not the answer to Class Action reform and I am disappointed my colleagues across the aisle refused to join in a bipartisan approach to solving the problem while supporting education and fighting for our most vulnerable."

The bill adopted by Senate Democrats changes Oregon's rules governing class action lawsuits mid-stream, expanding a lawsuit against the Oregon Lottery that could take up to \$140 million in K-12 education funds away from schools. The minority report would have changed the retroactivity of the new class action rules, keeping education funding safe. The minority report also dedicated unclaimed funds to defending low-income Oregonians in domestic violence and family law cases.

HB 2700 passed on a partisan 17-13 vote in the Oregon Senate and now goes to the Governor's desk for her signature.

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