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## Thatcher Comments on WESD Audit Follow-Up

(Salem) In response to the <u>new state audit report</u> on the Willamette Education Service District, <u>State</u> <u>Representative Kim Thatcher</u> (R-Keizer, Newberg, St. Paul) released the following statement:

"I am pleased to see that WESD has made improvements in their financial management practices over the past year. It is also gratifying to see the Secretary of State's Audit's Division doing the necessary follow-up work to ensure that their earlier recommendations are being implemented. We need to ensure we have strong oversight for the limited tax dollars we have available for schools. I am hopeful that the legislation I have proposed, <u>House Bill 2280</u>, to enhance the state's ability to conduct performance and financial audits on school districts will be adopted by the legislature this year."

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