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**Legislative Look Back and  
Preview: A Focus on Statewide  
Equity-Focused Policies and  
Budgets**

2022 Oregon Educator  
Equity Summit  
September 2022

# Agenda

1. Lookback at the 2022 Legislative Session
2. Election Preview and State Budget Update
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# Lookback at the 2022 Legislative Session

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# 2022 Session in Review

The 2022 Legislative Session ended on Friday, March 4th, 2022

## Major Session Investments

- \$400 million to Address Housing and Homelessness
- \$300 million for K-12 (Including Summer Learning, K-12 workforce, and Wildfire Impacted Districts)
- \$240 million for Oregon Capitol Remodel
- \$200 million for “Future Ready Oregon” (workforce development)
- \$121 million for Elliott State Forest Purchase
- \$120 million to Relocate Tubman Middle School (PPS)
- \$100 million for Infrastructure Projects in Rural Oregon
- \$100 million for Expanding Access to Child Care



# 2022 COSA Priority Bills

1. Leadership Stabilization to Support Students and Communities Bill  
([SB 1521](#)) - **PASSED.**
2. Funding Stability for Wildfire Impacted Districts Bill  
([HB 4026](#)) - **PASSED.**
3. Racial Equity and Justice Youth Collaborative Bill  
([HB 4099](#)) - **Did Not Advance.**
4. Board & Superintendent Professional Learning Bill  
([HB 4029](#)) - **Did Not Advance.**

For more detail, see:  
[2022 COSA/OSBA  
Legislative Report.](#)



# 2022 COSA & Partner Priority Bills

1. Educator Workforce (HB 4030 - Omnibus House Education bill) – **PASSED.**
2. Key Policy Changes for Education (SB 1522 - Omnibus Senate Education bill) – **PASSED.**
3. Budget Highlight - Continued Summer Learning Program Investments (HB 5202 - Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Bill) – **PASSED.**
4. Elliott State Forest Purchase to Benefit the Common School Fund (SB 1546) – **PASSED.**
5. Investments in professional learning around the implementation of the Ethnic Studies standards (HB 4112) - **Did Not Advance.**
6. Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander Student Success Plan (HB 4091) - **Bill did not advance, but funding was provided for the plan via HB 5202.**
7. Investments in Oregon's cybersecurity workforce, infrastructure, operations, and technical assistance (HB 4155) - **Did Not Advance.**

# 2022 Election Preview and State Budget Update

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# 2022 General Election – A Quick Guide to Oregon’s Upcoming Election

Key Context – This is the first election under new election maps approved by the Legislature in 2021 after the Census – All 60 Oregon House Seats and 16 of 30 Senate seats are up for election

- **Historic Gubernatorial Race** - Tina Kotek (D), Christine Drazan (R), and Betsy Johnson (Unaffiliated).
- **Oregon Legislature** - All 60 House seats and 16 of 30 Senate seats are standing for election.
- **Once in a Generation Change Coming to Salem** – We predict at least 30 of the 90 seats in the Legislature to be represented by new members. We haven’t seen that much change this century.
- **Oregon Added a New Congressional Seat** – Oregon now has six Congressional seats – three are open and potentially competitive
- **Few Big Ballot Measure Fights** – Only two citizen initiatives qualify: Legislative Walkouts (BM 113) & Enhanced Gun Control (BM 114).





# 2022 General Election – What Should K-12 Educators Be Watching For?

## Three Things to Watch For on November 8<sup>th</sup>

1. **Historic Legislative Turnover:** Expect at least 30 new legislators, which is one-third of the body.
2. **Can Betsy Johnson pull it off?** A win by the former state senator would defy conventional wisdom and would be a major change to Salem's power structure.
3. **Can Republicans close the gap in the Legislature?** For most of the past two decades, Democrats have enjoyed majorities (and sometimes supermajorities) in the Legislature. Democrats currently hold 37 seats in the House and 18 in the Senate.



# State Budget Update

The most current state budget numbers from the September Revenue Forecast deserve close scrutiny.

- **Record Kickers Projected**
  - (\$3.4 Billion Personal/\$1.1 Billion Corp.)
- **Record reserves relative to the state General Fund**
  - (\$5.7 Billion = 20% GF)
- **2023-25 net General Fund revenue is only about \$1 Billion more than 2021-23 net expenditures**
- **State Economists forecast an economic cooling period, but noted it was a “coin toss” whether the state or nation enter a recession.**
- **Corporate Activity Taxes** (which fund the Student Success Act) are strong and stable.

# State School Fund Update and Advocacy

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# K-12 State School Fund Budget

Key Context – COSA members must be prepared to undertake and help support significant funding advocacy efforts during the 2023 Session.

- **K-12 Current Service Level for 23-25 biennium** – Prepared by the Department of Administrative Services and Legislative Fiscal Office
  - **Unofficial, but likely 2023-25 State CSL = \$9.52 Billion**  
(\$220 million increase to state SSF appropriation (current state SSF appropriation = \$9.3 Billion))
- **What inputs and assumptions make CSL inadequate?**
  - 49-51 versus 50-50
  - Historic wages/benefits/turnover used rather than current data/contracts
  - PERS side account payments not included
  - NEW for 2023-25 – ADM and Enrollment Projections
  - Inflation assumptions

## District and ESD Budget Information

For proposed State School Fund numbers, we will be asking:

- How many calendar days is that equivalent to?
- How much is the budget deficit for each district/ESD?
- How many teaching (or staff) positions is that equivalent to?

## Narratives About Student Progress & Needs

We need to be able to share the stories about student progress, as well as the unprecedented needs of our students.

- Growth and progress of students, as well as where more support is needed.
- Social emotional and mental health needs of our students
- Interrupted learning opportunities our students experienced due to COVID.

## Timeline

- Expect to begin receiving requests for information in late October, after we get the Fall Enrollment counts.



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**Top Priority:  
2023  
State School  
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# 2023 Legislative Session Preview and COSA's Policy and Advocacy Priorities

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# Key Interim and 2023 Session Dates

- **August 31** – Quarterly Revenue Forecast
- **September 20-23** – Legislative Meetings and Task Forces
- **September 23** – Presession Bill Draft Request Deadline
- **November 8** – Election Day
- **November 16** – Revenue Forecast
- **December 6-9** – Legislative Meetings and Task Forces
- **December 21** – Presession Bill Filing Deadline
- **February 1** – Tentative Date for Start of 2023 Session and Release of Governor's Recommended Budget





# 2023 Is Filled with Opportunities & Challenges

## Challenges in 2023

- Current Service Level Inadequacy
- Expiration of Federal Funds and the budget “cliff”
- Staffing shortages – both licensed and classified
- Political pressures on “local control”
- Impacts of enrollment on funding
- Historic turnover in the Legislature

## Opportunities in 2023

- Leading the work to shape public education in a post-COVID environment
- Securing funding for summer learning, workforce investments, and meeting the social and emotional needs of our students
- New Governor and new Legislative Leadership – opportunities to build new relationships and prioritize K-12



# 2023 Legislative Session: COSA Policy and Advocacy – Initial Priorities (1 of 2)

Key Context – Ensuring an adequate investment in the State School Fund is our top priority & is the primary focus of our advocacy efforts.

- Ensure that funding for the Student Success Act and Student Investment Account continue without changes.
- Ensure full funding for High School Success (Ballot Measure 98)
- Pass legislation to require school boards to receive training on a range of issues, from budget law to how to more equitably serve all students.
- K-12 facilities investment, including updates to Oregon’s bond matching program (OSCIM) and increase investments in facilities with a focus on districts that have not been able to pass bonds.
- Pass legislation to invest in growing and diversifying our workforce, improving educator compensation, and other policies to deal with Oregon’s K-12 workforce crisis.



# 2023 Legislative Session: COSA Policy and Advocacy – Initial Priorities (2 of 2)

Key Context – Ensuring an adequate investment in the State School Fund is our top priority and will be the primary focus of our advocacy efforts.

- Ensure adequate funding for grant-in-aid programs including: Regional Programs, LTCT, YCEP/JDEP and EI/ECSE
- Student voice bill, in collaboration with Oregon Association of Student Councils (OASC)
- Funding for Ethnic Studies PD
- Continued investments in Student Success Plans
- ESD Supt contract protections
- Investments in school lunch programs
- Changes to PE requirements in middle school
- Cybersecurity



# 2023 Legislative Session Crystal Ball – What legislation can we expect?

Key Context – While we will have a better sense after the election, we do expect to see legislative proposals on the following topics.

- Menstrual Dignity Act
- School District and ESD adherence to State and Federal laws
- Removal of the 3% enrollment cap on virtual charter schools
- “Parental rights” legislation similar to laws in Florida, etc
- State School Fund formula changes – including making it more like a grant program, state-directed spending, doubling the poverty weight, and removing the SPED cap
- Requiring school districts to provide training to students in emergency situations (earthquake, tsunami, et.al.)
- Public records protections for public employees
- Changes to school board elections
- Changes to High School graduation requirements



# Share your feedback and ideas for COSA's 2023 Legislative Agenda



## Key Question:

What funding or policy priorities would you like to see COSA consider as part of our proposed 2023 Legislative Agenda?



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