

# Office of the Governor State of Oregon

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EO - 99-16**

### **QUALITY EDUCATION COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, with the passage of Measure 5 in 1990, primary funding responsibility for Oregon's K-12 system of public schools has shifted from the local to the state level;

**WHEREAS**, funding for K-12 schools now represents almost half the state's General Fund budget;

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature passed the Oregon Educational Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century to establish high levels of academic standards for Oregon's children;

**WHEREAS**, state policymakers have not previously had adequate tools allowing them to establish the reasonable costs of providing a quality education necessary for Oregon's children to meet those standards;

**WHEREAS**, the Legislative Council on the Oregon Quality Education Model published a report in June 1999 outlining a possible approach to determining those costs, but also acknowledging that the model was a work in progress, needing improvement and refinement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature included funding in the Oregon Department of Education's 1999-2001 budget to continue work on development of a budget model;

### **THEREFORE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED:**

1. The Quality Education Commission is hereby created to help direct the further work necessary to validate and refine the Quality Education Model for use by state policymakers.
2. The Commission shall include 11 members co-appointed by the Governor and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and State Superintendent.
3. The Chair shall be co-appointed by the Governor and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.
4. The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chair. A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum to do business.

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5. Staffing to the Commission shall be provided by the Oregon Department of Education.
6. Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their activities as members of the Commission, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in attending Commission business pursuant to ORS 292.495(2).
7. The Commission shall:
  - Identify key issues to address in further validating and refining the Quality Education Model;
  - Solicit input from educators, education policy experts and others about the elements of the model;
  - Solicit public input regarding educational priorities for use in developing the model;
  - Make recommendations regarding model development based on research, data, public input and experience; and
  - Communicate with stakeholders regarding model development.
8. The Commission may establish subcommittees as necessary to assist in carrying out its work.
9. The Commission shall approve and monitor a workplan that will allow for further refinement and completion of a model in sufficient time to be used by the Governor in developing the Governor's Recommended Budget for K-12 schools.

Done at Salem, Oregon this 5 day of November 1999



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John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.  
Governor

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Secretary of State