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Governor signs bill establishing Oregon Education Investment Board

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A crowd of legislators and educators came to the state capitol to see Gov. John Kitzhaber sign a bill that establishes the Oregon Education Investment Board.

SALEM -- Rows of legislators and educators curled around the walls of the state capitol's ceremonial signing room as Gov. John Kitzhaber signed a landmark education reform measure.

Senate Bill 909 establishes a 13-member Oregon Education Investment Board appointed by the governor, which will oversee all levels of state education from preschool through college.

Kitzhaber said the measure would improve coordination between educators and more efficiently make goals then fund them. He advocated heavily for the bill as part of **his goals to reform state education.**

Sandy Husk, Superintendent of Salem-Keizer

Public Schools, agreed the new board was the first step to revolutionize Oregon education.

"A year and a half ago a bunch of superintendents came together and we were dreaming big," Husk said. "We were thinking it would take years to make happen what's happening today."

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