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2021 Legislative Priorities

Support (#1)	<u>PD001</u>	LFC*	BASE Aid and Special Education Funding Plus Inflation	Ensure stable funding by including SpED in BASE Aid formula	Estimated Appropriation: <b>\$5.2M</b> ; Increase <b>FY22 2.16%</b> ; <b>FY23 2.26%</b>
Support (#2)	<u>PD_0012</u> <u>LC276</u>	Education	Residential Treatment	Fix Medicaid exclusion; Fund OPI contribution to treatment facilities <u>20-7-435</u> , MCA	Appropriation: <b>\$1.5 Million</b> ; <b>Supplemental \$1.5 Million</b>
Support (#3)	<u>PD002</u>	ETIC**	Broadband	Reappropriate \$1 million from Dept of Commerce to OPI	LANGUAGE ONLY

\* Legislative Fiscal Committee (LFC)

\*\* Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC)

*In addition to the above three priorities, the OPI has been working closely with the Education Interim Committee on language clean up bills. These priorities do not represent the full range of bills that the OPI may provide support or informational testimony for. The OPI recognizes that revenue will be tight this session and therefore the OPI's top priority is ensuring that existing funding promises to our K-12 public schools are fulfilled early in the session.*

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