

2010 Special Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 3626 **STATUS:** A Engrossed
SUBJECT: Vision screening pilot program
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Education and Local Education Agencies
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	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
EXPENDITURES:		
Department of Education – General Fund appropriation	\$ 150,000	\$ 0

EFFECTIVE DATE: On passage

INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS: The budgetary impact of this bill was not reviewed and approved by the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means Committee and is not included in the omnibus budget bill to be introduced by the committee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

ANALYSIS: House Bill 3626 directs the Department of Education (ODE) to establish a pilot program to provide vision screenings to the greatest number of students practicable in grades 1 through 8 and report back to the next regular session of the Legislature on the results of the program. The measure establishes guidelines for the vision screenings; allows ODE to enter into a contract for implementation of the program; to accept public, private, or federal contributions for the program; and appropriates \$150,000 of General Fund to ODE for the provisions of the measure.

The Department of Education anticipates minimal costs absorbed by existing staff to prepare the following: a feasibility study, which the Department states is required by the terms of the collective bargaining agreement for public contracts exceeding \$30,000; a Request-For-Proposal to contract the implementation of the program; and analyze the data collected and prepare a report for the Legislature on the program's results.

The contracted services cost is based on estimates of \$25 per screening received from Children's Vision Foundation in Bend, Oregon. The Department expects the vision screening to commence in September 2010.

While other potential sources of funds for the program are unknown at this time, the Department may contract for additional screenings if supplemental funds are obtained.