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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Education to conduct evaluation of use of standardized tests in public schools in this state.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, School Districts

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

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	2013-15 Biennium	2015-17 Biennium
General Fund	\$90,782	
Lottery Funds		
Other Funds		
Federal Funds		
Total Funds	\$90,782	\$0
Positions	1	
FTE	0.50	
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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: This bill would require the Department of Education (ODE) to evaluate the use of standardized tests in public schools. The reports are to address fiscal, administrative, and educational impacts of instructional time, curriculum, professional flexibility, and budgets.

ODE would need to develop a methodology to identify the amount of FTE required to create and implement the data collection, analyze the results, provide an internal and external review of the report and submit the final report. ODE anticipates needing one limited duration position for database development and maintenance. The balance of the requirements can be absorbed with current resources within the department, although this may necessitate the delay of other work of the department. If ODE is unable to hire an individual on a limited duration basis, they may need to contract out the work, which will result in an estimated 50-75% increase in cost.

An estimate for the potential costs to school districts is unavailable.