## 77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY **House Committee on Education**

**MEASURE: HB 2985 CARRIER:** 

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued	
Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	8 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Fagan, Gomberg, Gorsek, Huffman, Parrish, Reardon, Sprenger, Whisnant
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Gelser
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Meeting Dates:	3/27

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Career and Technical Student Organization Grant Program within the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). Directs ODE to award grants to school districts for purpose of funding career and technical student organizations. Allows ODE to give priority to newly participating school districts when awarding grants. Caps administrative expenses at five percent of total grant money per year. Allows State Board of Education to adopt rules necessary to implement measure. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Value of peer-to-peer marketing
- Life skills obtained from program
- Benefits of helping students broaden horizons and goals •

## EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The term Career Technical Education, or CTE, refers to organized education programs which are directly related to preparing students for employment in occupations requiring other than a baccalaureate or advanced degree. CTE is organized by a national framework called Career Clusters, which presents a complete range of related career options to students of all ages, helps them discover their interests and passions, and empowers them to choose the education pathway that can lead to success in high school, college, and their chosen career. The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 provides federal support for CTE programs. In 2008, Congress designated the month of February as Career Technical Education month, noting that over 15 million students nationwide participate in career and technical education programs.