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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on School Capital Improvement Planning.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education

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:

Senate Bill 540 appropriates a total of \$425,000 out of the General Fund to the Department of Education for the following purposes. The bill:

- 1. Creates the twelve-member Task Force on School Capital Improvement Planning charged with recommending to the Oregon Education Investment Board programs and funding sources that will allow providers of public education to respond to evolving methods for delivering education and for funding and maintaining capital infrastructures, and to establish a more efficient and integrated capital infrastructure system for preschool through 12th grade. All appointments to the task force must be completed within 90 days of the effective date. The bill contains an emergency clause and is effective on passage. The task force is to submit a report to an interim committee on education by October 1, 2014. The task force sunsets on the convening of the 2015 Legislative Assembly. The Department of Education is to provide support to the task force. The bill appropriates \$100,000 out of the General Fund for the work of the task force.
- 2. Requires the Department of Education to establish and maintain a public education facility information database to provide information on facilities serving preschool through grade 12 and any related auxiliary buildings and properties. The Department of Education is permitted to require schools to provide relevant data. School districts and education service districts are allowed to request a waiver if this information cannot be culled without additional resources. The database must be available to the public. The bill appropriates \$325,000 out of the General Fund for developing (\$100,000) and maintaining (\$225,000) the database.

If this bill passes, the Department of Education anticipates establishing seven part-time limited duration positions (1.67 FTEs) to carry out the provisions of the bill.