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Measure Description:

Requires public school students seven years of age or younger who are beginning educational program to have vision screening or eye examination.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), School Districts, Department of Education, Early Learning Council, Education Service Districts (ESD)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis.

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 requires vision screening for students seven years of age or younger and requires the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to establish rules. The bill also provides a student is not required to submit certification under certain circumstances.

The Oregon Health Authority indicates no fiscal impact due to this bill. Individuals requiring screening would most likely be covered under the Oregon Health Plan, which covers annual vision exams.

ODE estimates that it may cost approximately \$20,000 General Fund to do the required rule writing and report development for the Legislature.

School Districts report that vision screening is currently offered by some school districts and the cost would be minimal to those districts. Districts that do not currently offer vision screening may incur additional costs. At this time, an accurate count of districts offering vision screening is not available and this cost is unknown.