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Measure Description:

Directs school districts to prepare and file annual reports related to amounts received from State School Fund for students who are in poverty families.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, Legislative Administration Committee (LAC), Legislative Assembly, School Districts

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:

The bill, as amended, establishes the 15-member task force on state school fund expenditures for students in poverty for the purpose of producing a report on how State School Fund expenditures relate to the educational achievements of students from families in poverty. The task force is directed to submit a report, and any recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education, no later than September 15, 2016. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2016.

The fiscal impact of this bill on Legislative Administration Committee is indeterminate depending on the scope of work undertaken by the task force. Although the 2015-17 Legislative Branch budget contains funds allocated for interim committee and task force, if the work required by this task force, or if the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim committees and task forces exceeds expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2015-17 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required. Furthermore, the Legislative Fiscal Office is concerned with the potential fiscal impact of information technology changes that may need to be made to collect the data on how State School Fund expenditures relate to the educational achievements of students from families in poverty.

The Legislative Assembly, Department of Education, and school districts are required to appoint representatives to serve as members of the task force. This fiscal assumes that participation on the task force will have minimal impact on these entities. Each of these organizations anticipates reprioritizing duties and responsibilities of existing staff to allow participation on the task force.