

**SB 439**

**Relating to funding for outdoor school**

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SB 439 establishes an Outdoor Education Account in the State Treasury for the purpose of funding grants for a six-day, residential, hands-on outdoor school program or equivalent, for fifth and sixth grade students across the state.

The bill specifies priorities for grant awards and also requires the director of the Oregon State University Extension Service to convene an advisory committee for the purpose of administering the grant program.

The director is also required to submit an annual report to the Department of Education and the interim legislative committees on education, related to the ability of outdoor school programs to assist students in meeting state standards related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and international standards related to science.

The Subcommittee recommends an amendment which removes the appropriation clause and relieves Oregon State University Extension Service from any duties or obligations unless funding is provided for expenses incurred.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 439 be amended by the -A4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.