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Measure Description:

Modifies statutory requirements related to specific strategic education investments.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, Oregon Educational Investment Board

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 modifies purposes for which moneys may be distributed for the Oregon Early Reading Program, the Guidance and Support for Post-Secondary Aspirations Program, and the Connecting to the World of Work Program. The amendments change the role of the Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB) relating to strategic investments to one of identifying and recommending as opposed to designing and implementing. Originally multiple agencies were charged with administering individual strategic investments. Under this version of the all of the strategic investment monies go to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) for distribution various governmental and private entities. The bill also aligns the statutory language with programs being funded in the ODE budget. Funding for the programs contained in the bill have been included in HB 5016, the budget bill for ODE.

Current law directs the OEIB to design and implement strategic initiatives. Under current law the OEIB sunsets on March 15, 2016 and on that date ODE is tasked with designing and implementing the strategic initiatives across the agencies. If OEIB sunsets it is anticipated that the Department would have a greater role in the coordination of the strategic initiatives. SB 217 leaves the OEIB sunset in place but SB 215 removes the sunset.