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Measure Description:

Allows school district and post-secondary institutions of education to apply for funding to form K-20 partnership.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, School Districts

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
General Fund	\$2,500,000	
Total Funds	\$2,500,000	\$0
Positions	2	
FTE	0.50	

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 provides funding for grants based on proposed partnerships between a K-12 school district and one or more post-secondary institutions. The purposes of the partnerships are to coordinate student education and create innovative educational collaboration projects. The bill charges the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to administer the grant program. The bill appropriates \$2.5 million to ODE for grants and to cover administrative costs.

ODE estimates that administration of the project will require a limited-duration Education Program Specialist 2 (0.25 FTE) and a limited-duration Administrative Specialist 1 (0.25 FTE). Total costs for these two positions are estimated at \$91,555 General Fund (GF), leaving a remainder of \$2,408,445 GF to distribute for grants.

School Districts report a potential fiscal impact however the amount of the impact has not been quantified at this time. The fiscal impact to community colleges and public universities is anticipated to be minimal.