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Measure Description:

Directs Oregon State University Extension Service to assist school districts and education service districts in providing outdoor school programs.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, School Districts, Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Analysis:

The bill directs the Oregon State University Extension Service (OSU ES) to assist school districts and education service districts by providing outdoor school programs through the administration and maintenance of a grant program. The Extension Service is also directed to develop and review curriculum for the outdoor schools, as specified by the bill, and to provide staff training. The bill establishes the Outdoor Education Account to fund the costs associated with the grant program. The Director of the Oregon State University Extension Service is to convene an advisory committee for the purpose of administering the grant program as well as to submit a report to the Department of Education, related to the ability of outdoor school programs to assist students in meeting certain standards specified in the bill. OSU ES is relieved from any duties or obligations unless funding is provided to expenses incurred. There is no fiscal impact as a result of this legislation at this time.