

HB 2385 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows school districts to use funds received under High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Act (formerly Ballot Measure 98) on existing career and technical education (CTE) programs, if specific requirements are met. Requires qualifying school districts have (1) remote small high schools and (2) demonstrate how biennial plans satisfy CTE requirements.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Challenge facing rural school districts in creating or expanding new Career Technical Education programs with limited funding
- Interest in rural districts with small schools utilizing Ballot Measure 98 moneys

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

After being approved by 66 percent of Oregon voters, Ballot Measure 98 was adopted into state statute as the “High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Act of 2016.” The Measure requires the Oregon State Legislature to provide at least \$800 per high school student adjusted upward annually for inflation/population-to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) administered account. For districts to use the funds, it requires districts expand current programs, or establish new ones. House Bill 2246-A (2017) changed the Ballot Measure 98 statutory language for school districts. It requires districts to provide four-year plans each biennium, except for the first biennium, which allows for a three-year plan.

HB 2385 would allow districts receiving High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Act funds to use the moneys on existing career technical education (CTE) programs if the districts meet certain requirements. These requirements include qualifying with remote small high schools, and being able to demonstrate how the biennial plans satisfy the CTE eligibility.