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Measure Description:

Requires Oregon Health Authority to provide planning grants to 10 school districts or education service districts to evaluate community needs for school-based health services.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), School Districts, Department of Education (ODE)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure will require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
General Fund		
Special Payments	950,000	
Total General Fund	\$950,000	\$0

Analysis:

HB 3165 with the -A5 appropriates \$950,000 General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to award planning grants and fund programs piloting an alternative model to the school-based health center model. The bill directs OHA, in consultation with the Oregon Department of Education (ODE), to select ten school districts or education service districts to receive planning grants for district planning and technical assistance in evaluating the need and developing a plan to address the need for school-based health services. The plan must include an alternative model to the school-based health center model. The alternative approach should focus on services for a specific community need, such as a need for mental health services, school nursing services, dental services, primary care or trauma-informed services, and must involve a partnership with a coordinated care organization, a federally qualified health center, a local public health authority or another major medical sponsor. The alternative approach must also identify a process for billing insurance, medical assistance or another third-party payer, or identify other funding, for the cost of services. The bill defines regional health equity coalition and specifies that each grantee must solicit community participation in the planning process, including the participation of the local public health authority, any federally gualified health centers located in the district, a regional health equity coalition, if any, serving the district, and every coordinated care organization with members residing in the district. The bill also requires grantees to consult with a nonprofit to facilitate the planning process. The bill permits OHA to contract with a nonprofit to create tools and provide support to grantees during the community engagement planning process. At the end of the two-year planning process, OHA must select at least six school-based health center medical sponsors to each receive operating funds to open state-certified school-based health centers. Contingent upon available funds, the bill authorizes OHA to select up to four school districts or educational service districts to receive operating funds for a five-year period to operate pilot programs to provide school-based health services.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

For the 2019-21 biennium, OHA anticipates providing \$95,000 each to 10 school districts. Assuming continued funding for the program at the same level, for the 2021-23 biennium, OHA anticipates providing \$120,000 each to six school-based health centers. OHA would require additional funds to support alternative five-year pilot projects.

Department of Education (ODE) The fiscal impact of this bill to ODE is anticipated to be minimal.