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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Education to conduct study to identify sources of stable and sustainable funding for career and technical education programs.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

School Districts, Education Service Districts (ESD), Department of Education (ODE)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis: The bill directs the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to award grants to school districts to provide courses in computer science as part of a career and technical education program and outlines how a school district may use the grant funds. The bill specifies that grant awards are in addition to distributions from the State School Fund. The grants are to be used in conjunction with the High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Fund (Ballot Measure 98), but those funds are distributed to districts based on a formula. ODE is directed to adopt rules that provide for the calculation of a grant awards and provide a minimum amount for small school districts and rural school districts.

The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate. The source of funding for the grants, the potential demand for the grants, and the number of districts that would be eligible for grants are all unknown.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact.