

HB 2967 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/08/19

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Student Success. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Alonso Leon, Doherty, Helt, Hernandez, Neron, Reardon, Reschke, Sollman, Wallan

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines computer science. Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to award grants to school districts to provide courses in computer science as part of Career Technical Education (CTE) program. Requires grant be used to establish or expand CTE program in computer science and establishes requirements for districts to use funds. Requires ODE to approve grant applicants based on districts being able to: (1) demonstrate the program will establish or expand CTE; (2) encourage computer science participation in minorities, women, families in poverty, small districts, or districts in rural communities; and (3) support entering into partnerships with other entities; or be part of a national initiative helping high schools adopt inclusive, evidence-supported courses to prepare students. Requires State Board of Education adopt rules providing calculation of grants awarded in this section, and requires minimum award amount for small school districts and districts in rural communities. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Interest in furthering conversation in Joint Committee on Student Success
- Interest in furthering work provided by small schools and small school districts in rural areas

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Education has organized its secondary Career Technical Education (CTE) programs into six career learning areas including: (1) agriculture, (2) arts and information, (3) business and management, (4) health sciences, (5) human resources, and (6) industrial and engineering systems. ODE requires collaboration between secondary and post-secondary CTE stakeholders.

House Bill 2967 A requires the Oregon Department of Education establish a grant program to establish or expand CTE programs in computer science. It establishes how ODE approves grant applicants based on school districts being able to demonstrate compliance with certain program requirements. It requires ODE to establish a minimum award amount for small school districts and districts in rural communities.