

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2697 - 4

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Measure Description:

Requires education provider to prohibit use or display of any symbols of hate on school property or in education program.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education (ODE), School Districts

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis: The measure requires education providers to prohibit the use or display of nooses, symbols of neo-Nazi ideology, or the battle flag of the Confederacy on school property or in an education program. Establishes exception for displays that align with statewide academic content standards and requires education providers to adopt policies and establishes policy requirements. In addition, the measure requires education providers to investigate bias incidents and establishes noncompliance as violation of discrimination in education statute codified in ORS 659.850. Sanctions for noncompliance include the possibility of the loss of state funding.

The potential fiscal impact due to the provisions of this measure are indeterminate. If a school district was sued under the provisions of this measure, the potential fiscal impact could be substantial even in the case where the school district prevailed. The likelihood and scope of the potential fiscal impact is unknown.