

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2962 - 1

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Measure Description:

Requires the Legislative Policy and Research Direct to conduct a study on students’ instructional needs caused by school closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic and report to the Legislative Assembly.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

School Districts, Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO), Department of Education (ODE)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis.

Analysis: This measure directs the Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) to conduct a study on students’ instructional needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, including barriers to student success caused by virtual and hybrid learning models, the impact of distance learning on student achievement, and disproportionate impacts on underrepresented student groups. The study will cover the impacts on specific demographic and geographic groups and use data collected from the Department of Education, school districts, and education service districts. LPRO shall provide a summary of the study to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education by February 1, 2022.

LPRO does not currently have staff with the research and subject matter expertise to conduct the study. The measure notes that LPRO may hire an additional person to complete the work; however, LPRO anticipates that it would contract with an outside entity to conduct the study. The estimated cost for this contract ranges between \$50,000 and \$150,000 General Fund, with the cost being dependent on the availability of existing data or need to collect original data.

School Districts and the Oregon Department of Education anticipate a minimal fiscal impact due to the provisions of this measure.

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