FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Directs Early Learning Division to develop plan to coordinate provision of services to children who are in early childhood and to report on plan to appropriate interim committee of Legislative Assembly.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education (ODE)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium
General Fund	\$1,020,000	
Total Funds	\$1,020,000	\$0
Positions	0	
FTE	0.00	

Analysis: The measure directs the Oregon Department of Education's Early Learning Division (ELD) to develop a plan to provide eligible children with equitable access to preschool that is high quality and culturally and developmentally responsive. The measure also establishes parameters for participation, quality standards, access, eligibility requirements, and infrastructure capacity. The plan must provide that all eligible children have access to preschool by January1, 2027. ELD is directed to report back to the legislature and provide recommendations no later than September 1, 2022.

ELD has estimated technical assistance and support of planning would cost \$300,000 General Fund and would include data support, designers and facilitators to work with Early Learning Hubs to set up sessions, and to summarize reports and findings. In addition, ELD would need \$720,000 General Fund to support Early Learning Hubs for enhancing planning and engage stakeholders. ELD would provide \$45,000 grants to each of the 16 Hubs to support this activity.

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.