

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Education Summer Learning Initiative

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Education Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Frederick

On May 12, the Education Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Oregon Department of Education on the development of the summer learning initiative and the anticipated participation of school districts and other organizations.

HB 5042, passed in March 2021, included a \$250 million General Fund and \$21.2 million Federal Funds one-time set of initiatives to provide academic learning and enrichment for school aged students and preschoolers during the summer of 2021. A budget note was included instructing the Department of Education to report to the Education Subcommittee by May 15th on the progress in developing this initiative. School districts were allocated \$195.6 million General Fund and \$10 million in Federal Funds for summer academic support grants for high schoolers, summer enrichment and academic programs for grades K through 8, and \$40 million for wrap-around child care services. Another \$12.0 million General Fund and \$11.2 million are designated for expanding preschool and child care programs over the summer. The Oregon Community Foundation has received \$40 million General Fund for distribution to public and non-profit community groups for summer activities grants.

The Department of Education has developed a streamlined application and reporting system for school districts as well as entered into an agreement with the Oregon Community Foundation. School district applications were due May 10th and ODE received applications from 152 districts representing over 90% of the students statewide and 35 charter schools. The Early Learning Division will start amending contracts with existing providers in late May and the Oregon Community Foundation has received over 100 applications as of May 10th. As part of this recommendation, the Department of Administrative Services is requested to make the funding for these programs available to the agency.

The Education Subcommittee recommends approval.