

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 55

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Measure Description:

Directs Office of School Facilities to administer statewide facilities assessment program.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education (ODE), School Districts

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
Other Funds	4,000,000	4,000,000
Total Funds	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
Positions	1	1
FTE	0.92	1.00

Analysis: The measure directs the Office of School Facilities to administer a statewide facilities assessment program and provide funding from the State School Fund (SSF).

Existing law allows but does not require the Department of Education (ODE) to conduct a statewide school facility assessment. Since 2015, ODE has provided funding to help school districts address deferred maintenance, but ODE does not have a clear picture of the deferred maintenance of school districts across the state. Without this data, ODE cannot refine its supplemental funding to ensure the school facilities with the highest need are receiving the resources to address those needs.

The measure redirects \$4 million from the Facility Grant carve out of the SSF to the Office of School Facilities to pay for the statewide assessment. ODE says it requires a Program Analyst 3 to create and administer contracts with third party assessor;, establish the new program; provide quality control of the data; coordinate with Information Technology to integrate the data with existing systems; and provide technical assistance to school districts.

The fiscal impacts to school districts is indeterminate, although the bill reduces the total amount available for the existing Facilities Grant program available to school districts directing the funding to pay for the new statewide assessment requirement.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the State’s School Fund and for the necessary Other Funds expenditure and position authority.