

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 222**81st Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2021 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official***Prepared by: Tim Walker
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Date: 02/10/2021**Measure Description:**

Directs Department of Education to provide reimbursements for vision screenings of students to persons that provide vision screenings.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

School Districts, 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	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Other Funds	1,500,000	1,500,000
Total Funds	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Positions	3	3
FTE	2.00	2.00

Analysis: This measure clarifies who may conduct vision screenings and appropriates \$1.5 million General Fund for deposit in the Vision Health Account to make reimbursements for vision screenings provided by community providers or other vision screening services. Currently, vision screenings are reimbursed through Education Providers instead of direct reimbursement through Oregon Department of Education (ODE).

The measure would move the due diligence of cross-checking student ID#s from school districts to ODE. ODE will be required cross-check ID#'s with data provided with ODE enrollment information. ODE will need one Administrative Specialist 1 (0.50 FTE) to perform these duties. In addition, ODE will need one Accounting Tech 3 (1.00 FTE) and one Accountant 2 (0.50 FTE) to establish non-profit and community entities as vendors and make timely reimbursements.

The measure appropriates \$1.5 million General Fund to the Vision Health Account. Funds in that account then will be used to reimburse the providers through grants and to pay for the staffing and related costs requiring an equal amount of Other Funds limitation.

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.