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Measure: SB 299 - A

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Measure Description:

Authorizes formation of children's service districts.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Cities, Counties, School Districts, Department of Education (ODE), Department of Revenue (DOR), Oregon Judicial Department (OJD)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

The bill authorizes the formation of children's service districts that can levy property taxes to fund programs that offer children's services. Defines "children's services" as services provided that support the total health and well-being of individuals under the age of 18 outside of school hours.

Cities and Counties could incur additional costs, due to elections, depending upon how many children's special districts are created. The districts could impact cities, counties, and school districts property tax compression due to the limitations of Ballot Measures 5 and 50. In addition, the bill allows the assertion of valid claims to be filed to challenge the services to be provided, thereby potentially increasing litigation costs incurred by cities and counties. The bill does not define what a valid claim is. The fiscal impact of the bill is indeterminate at this time and would depend upon the number of children's special districts proposed.

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