

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2055

81st Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2021 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official*Prepared by: Tim Walker
Reviewed by: Amanda Beitel, Laurie Byerly, Doug Wilson
Date: 03/09/2021**Measure Description:**

Establishes Tribal Early Learning Hub for purpose of delivering early learning services to tribal communities of this state.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Commission on Indian Services (CIS), Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Confederated Tribes of Siletz, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Coquille Indian Tribe, 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
General Fund	\$851,263	\$851,263
Total Funds	\$851,263	\$851,263
Positions	1	1
FTE	1.00	1.00

Analysis: This measure establishes the Tribal Early Learning Hub for the purpose of delivering early learning services to tribal communities in the state. This proposed Hub would be in addition to existing Hubs which are more geographically based. The Early Learning Division (ELD) will establish a tribal advisory committee that will consist of 25 members appointed by the Early Learning Division. Two representatives from each of the nine federally recognized Indian tribes, one representative for the Commission of Indian Services, and one representative from the ELD, who is a nonvoting member. The tribal advisory committee will advise the Early Learning Council on the delivery of early care and education services to the tribal communities. The Early Learning Council will also adopt rules to prescribe the requirement for accountability and services provided.

This measure is part of the Oregon Department of Education’s budget request for the 2021-23 biennium. The department anticipates that it will need one Operation and Policy Analyst 3 (1.00 FTE) to advise the ELD in planning the implementation of policies and programs that will support the partnership with the federally recognized tribes located in Oregon. This position will also act as a liaison to provide access and resources for tribes and tribal members and support the tribal advisory committee and the Tribal Early Learning Hub. In addition to the position and services and supplies costs to support the work of the Tribal Early Learning Hub, \$601,150 is included in the Governor’s budget proposal for this item for special payments to tribal nations and potential contractors to assist tribes, but the bill does not require any form of grant.

School Districts, the Commission on Indian Services, and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Coquille Indian Tribe do not anticipate a fiscal impact due to this measure. The Confederate Tribes of the Grande Ronde and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz did not provide information on the potential fiscal impacts on the tribes.

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.