FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Requires the Legislative Policy and Research Office to conduct a study on monitoring software that can be used to monitor student usage related to district-owned computers and internet services.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO), Department of Education (ODE), School Districts

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis.

Analysis: The -2 amendment directs the Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) to conduct a study on monitoring software that can be used to monitor a student's usage on devices and district-owned computers and district internet services.

LPRO can either can meet the requirements for the study by assigning internal resources to conduct the study or contract with an outside public or private entity. LPRO estimates the cost of the study by an outside entity would be between \$50,000 and \$100,000 General Fund. An outside entity would be charged with developing policy recommendations as part of the contract. If LPRO conducts the study internally within existing resources, they would not produce recommendations, but a report that included the recommendations of entities and experts consulted. If LPRO were to contract out the work, they would likely need General Fund resources.

There is expected to be a minimal fiscal impact to the Oregon Department of Education and School Districts.