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Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Thomsen and Members of the Senate Education Committee. I am Jessica Ventura, Government Relations Director for the Oregon Department of Education. We have no position on the bill and are offering the following as information as you consider Senate Bill 328.

EXISTING LAW

[ORS 329.105](#) requires ODE to produce annual school and district performance reports to provide information to parents and to improve schools ([Statewide Annual Report Card](#)). Data included must align with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requirements, and the legislature also required that we include information on seismic safety and immunizations.

We make At-A-Glance profiles and Accountability Reports available [here](#).

ODE cannot fit everything required by ESSA on these reports. Therefore, we supplement the data by posting spreadsheets [here](#).

WHAT SENATE BILL 328 DOES

The bill requires ODE to create a report that allows *all* At-A-Glance data to be sortable, and for districts and schools to be compared with one another. This data is publicly available in spreadsheet format, but lacks the comparison tool.

It also requires ODE to add disaggregated rates of suspensions and expulsions to the school performance report.

SB 328 suggests that the suspension/expulsion data is being required in order to highlight disproportionality in discipline rates, for certain student groups. The requirement for school and district comparison and sorting could be reasonably interpreted as legislative intent to highlight disparities between exclusionary discipline rates in schools and between schools.

DOES THE BILL HAVE A FISCAL IMPACT ON ODE?

This bill would require ODE to purchase software to create a new public dashboard for displaying all school performance report data and allowing the public to be able to choose different comparison and data variables of education data. This would include costs for implementation, yearly maintenance, and updates for the application.

Implementation of the dashboard would require Limited Duration IT staff, as well as permanent accountability staff to maintain the dashboard.

- 0.5 FTE LD Information System Specialist 6 - Business Analyst
- 0.5 FTE LD Information System Specialist 6 - Developer
- 0.5 FTE RA4 Permanent staff on the Accountability Team to maintain the application and manage the vendor contract.

IT support with new software purchase including:

- Oregon Enterprise Information Services Stage gate process
 - Will require approved Project Management
- Web services to support data transfers and data sources

The purchase and deployment of a new tool to sort and to compare individual schools or districts will require significant development work by a vendor to ensure that web accessibility standards are met. As this is a new set of reports for ODE to maintain, new staff would be needed to implement the dashboard, as well as permanent staff to maintain and enhance the dashboard over time.

Purchase of a tool/vendor support would require startup and permanent funding. Estimate would be approximately \$100k per year in maintenance and enhancements, possibly more.

Thank you,
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