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To: Education Subcommittee

From: Julie Neburka, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: February 21, 2022

Subject: HB 4026 – Relating to state moneys for school districts impacted by wildfires
Work Session Recommendations

HB 4026 directs the Oregon Department of Education to award grants to those school districts affected by the 2020 wildfires. The grants are intended to mitigate funding decreases resulting from reductions in the districts' average daily membership (ADM), as compared to the 2019-2020 school year. The bill prescribes methods for calculating funding decreases, provides grants for four school years starting in the 2021-22 school year, and sunsets on July 1, 2025. It establishes the School Stabilization Subaccount for Wildfire-impacted School Districts within the Statewide Education Initiatives Account (SEIA) to provide funds for the grants, and transfers \$25 million to the Subaccount from the SEIA.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -1 amendment, which provides \$12.5 million Other Funds expenditure limitation to the Department in order to award grants from the new fund in the 2021-23 biennium.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 4026, as amended by the -1 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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