

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 4026

Relating to state moneys for school districts impacted by wildfires

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Education Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Reschke

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 for the four years of estimated grant payments.

The -1 amendment 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.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 4026 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.