

HB 2175 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$250,000 General Fund for use by school districts to use on existing career and technical education programs for districts that have a remote small high school and that meet existing eligibility requirements established by Measure 98. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of career and technical education
- Needs of rural schools

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Measure 98 was enacted by Oregon voters in 2016 and codified into law as Chapter 1, Oregon Laws, 2017. The measure provided funding to school districts and charter schools to improve progress toward graduation, increase the state's graduation rates, and improve students' college and career readiness. The measure identified three areas for funding:

- establish or expand career and technical education programs;
- establish or expand college-level educational opportunities; and
- establish or expand dropout prevention strategies.

To further implement the ballot measure, the legislature enacted House Bill 2246 that same year. That bill expanded the entities that could receive funding under Measure 98, allowed school districts to determine the purposes for which funding would be used, prescribed a funding formula to distribute the money, allowed districts to use some funding for 8th grade students, established additional eligibility requirements, and clarified the requirements for biennial plans.

House Bill 2175 appropriates \$250,000 for districts with a remote small high school to use for the purposes established under Measure 98.