

**SB 1034 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs the Department of Education to transfer to the Oregon Military Department funds needed to pay for educational services provided through its at-risk youth programs. Declares emergency, takes effect July 1, 2023.

**FIS:**

**RIS:**

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Current enrollment and graduation rates at the Oregon Youth Challenge program
- Method to calculate Federal and state matching funds
- Changes in proposed calculation rate

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Military Department supports the Oregon Youth Challenge Program (OYCP) which is a military-style alternative school for youth aged 16-19 years, who are at risk of dropping out of school. OYCP is a voluntary program that provides educational opportunities for youth to earn a diploma, school credit, or prepare for the General Education Development (GED) test. OYCP also offers core programming in life coping skills, job skills, health and hygiene, community citizenship, community service, leadership skills, and physical fitness. Once the twenty-two-week residential program is completed at the organization's facility located in Bend, Oregon, participants receive up to twelve months of mentored support. The program is free for all participants.

Senate Bill 1034 directs the Department of Education to transfer from the State School Fund to the Oregon Military Department, funds needed to pay for educational services provided through their at-risk youth programs. The first biennium transfer would commence with the 2023-2024 distribution.