

SB 736 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 5/10, 5/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to conduct study to identify means of increasing access to advanced instruction.

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

SENATE VOTE: Passed. Ayes, 27; Nays, 2; Excused, 1

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for advanced instruction for some students

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current law defines talented and gifted (TAG) children as those who demonstrate outstanding ability or potential in one of several academic, creative, or leadership areas and require special educational programs or services beyond those normally provided by the regular school program in order to realize their contribution to self and society. School districts are required to submit a plan of instruction for TAG children to ODE and may apply for state funds to provide TAG instruction. Senate Bill 736 requires the Oregon Department of Education to study means of increasing access to advanced instruction.