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Bill Title: Relating to funding for expanded learning opportunities; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Education, School Districts

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2023-25 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Education	\$ 50,558,806	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,558,806	4	2.00
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 50,558,806	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,558,806	4	2.00

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Education	\$ 50,479,247	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,479,247	2	2.00
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 50,479,247	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,479,247	2	2.00

Measure Description

The measure directs the Department of Education (ODE) to establish and administer a grant program to fund summer learning programs for incoming kindergarten students through outgoing grade 12 students. The measure appropriates \$50 million General Fund to ODE in the 2023-25 biennium for deposit into the Summer Learning Program Account. Any school district, education service district, or public charter school, or any combination thereof, may apply to receive a grant for a summer learning program. ODE will award grants based on whether the applicant(s) meets specified criteria.

The measure directs ODE to study and propose recommendations to develop an Oregon 21st Century Community Learning Center Initiative, which will address education disparities through increased summer and after-school learning opportunities.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact is estimated to be \$50,558,806 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium. Assuming the Grant-in-Aid for summer learning programs were to continue, the estimated fiscal impact is \$50,479,247 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium.

Department of Education

The measure will have a fiscal impact on ODE of \$50,558,806 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium and, assuming funding for Grant-in-Aid for summer learning programs were to continue, \$50,479,247 General in the 2025-27 biennium. ODE will distribute the \$50 million of Grant-in-Aid to eligible applicants as Other Funds. For that reason, ODE will need an increase in Other Funds expenditure limitation to award the grant funds.

In addition, ODE will incur an estimated \$558,806 General Fund in 2023-25 in administrative costs to award the Grant-in-Aid to summer learning programs and to prepare the report on the Oregon 21st Century Community Learning Center Initiative. Assuming funding for the program were to continue, ODE will incur an estimated \$479,247 General Fund in 2025-27 in administrative costs to continue awarding Grant-in-Aid to summer learning programs. The administrative costs stem from staffing needed to launch and manage the summer learning program and developing recommendations for future summer learning programs under the Oregon 21st Century Community Learning Center Initiative. To handle this increase in workload, ODE will need 4 full-time, limited durations positions (2.00 FTE) in 2023-25 and 2 full-time, limited duration positions (2.00 FTE) in 2025-27. ODE will need one Program Analyst 3 to oversee the application process, allocation of funds, and management of operations; one Administrative Specialist 2 to provide technical assistance to grant recipients and data coordination; one Education Specialist 2 to research and implement best practices in summer learning programs; and one Research Analyst 4 to coordinate the Initiative's design and comprehensive study, assist in feedback with partners, and prepare the final report. The Education Specialist 2 and Research Analyst 4 positions will be phased out at the end of the 2023-25 biennium.

The measure also directs the State Board of Education within ODE to create a formula for distributing the Grant-in-Aid and conduct rulemaking. This increase in workload is anticipated be minimal, and therefore, absorbable within ODE's current service level.

School Districts

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on school districts.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on passage.

ODE must report on the Oregon 21st Century Community Learning Center Initiative to interim legislative committees related to education by September 15, 2024. This reporting requirement sunsets on January 2, 2025.