HB 2681 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates an unspecified amount from the General Fund to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to award grants through the Career and Technical Student Organization Grant Program. It also appropriates an unspecified amount from the General Fund to ODE to fund career and technical education as described in ORS 327.372. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on July 1, 2025.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued. Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to the <u>Oregon Department of Education</u>, there are 1086 secondary career and technical education (CTE) programs in Oregon. The programs are offered across six career clusters: agriculture, food and natural resources systems; arts, information, and communications; business and management; health sciences; human resources; industrial and engineering systems. In addition, there are 11 not-for-profit career and technical student organizations specifically authorized by Congress in the Perkins Act.

In November 2016 Oregon voters passed Measure 98, funding career and technical education and other programs meant to aid in raising the state's on-time graduation rate. The funding was distributed to K-12 school districts and resulted in many high schools offering new career and technical education classes and programs.

