FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION



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Bill Title: Relating to a pilot program to provide support to foster child students; declaring an emergency.

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

Summary of Fiscal Impact

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - see explanatory analysis.

Measure Description

The measure modifies the grants and rules for a pilot program administered by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). In the 2024 regular session, the Legislature established the pilot program through the passage of HB 4084. Currently, the pilot program requires ODE to select and provide grants to three public middle or high schools in Oregon with an emphasis on geographically diverse regions when selecting schools to participate in the pilot program. The measure expands the pilot program to three school districts selected by ODE. The measure directs the three participating school districts to distribute moneys from the pilot program to any of the middle or high schools in their district to improve the educational outcomes of foster child students.

Fiscal Analysis

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on ODE, as the measure merely modifies the grants and rules of an existing pilot program. Under HB 4084, ODE was directed to use moneys from the Statewide Education Initiatives Account to provide funding for the pilot program, which this measure would not change. However, the measure does not provide ODE additional Other Funds expenditure limitation, which would be required to expend from the Statewide Education Initiatives Account in the 2025-27 biennium. Without additional Other Funds expenditure limitation, ODE would be unable continue operating the pilot program in the 2025-27 biennium.

The measure is anticipated not anticipated to have a fiscal impact on school districts.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

The pilot program sunsets on January 2, 2028.