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Bill Title: Relating to services to improve school attendance.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Early Learning and Care, School Districts, Counties, Department of Education

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Department of Education	\$ 10,681,723	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,681,723	3	2.63
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 10,681,723	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,681,723	3	2.63
2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Department of Education	\$ 20,776,443	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,776,443	3	3.00
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 20,776,443	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,776,443	3	3.00

Measure Description

The measure establishes the CARE program within the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) Youth Development Division (YDD). The CARE program is intended to reduce barriers that contribute to absenteeism and coordinate a social service delivery system. Through the CARE program, YDD will award competitive grants to counties or local entities to implement local CARE programs. Grants may be used to support participating families by advocating for culturally and linguistically appropriate services; providing education and support; and assisting in accessing available resources. If a school district identifies a student requiring attendance support, they will refer the student to a local CARE program for needs assessment and services. The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.

Fiscal Analysis

The estimated fiscal impact of the measure is \$10.7 million General Fund and three positions (2.63 FTE) in 2025-27 and \$20.8 million and three positions (3.00 FTE) in 2027-29.

Oregon Department of Education

ODE expects to grant \$10 million General Fund to local CARE programs annually, starting in 2026. This total is anticipated to support a minimum of 45 grants. Additionally, ODE has the potential to expand to 15-25 additional programs, if counties or local entities are able to fund a portion of the CARE program. While the figures above assume a flat grant amount per program, ODE may adjust grant funding to reflect the population the local CARE program is serving.

ODE will require three permanent full-time staff to administer the program, at an estimated cost of \$681,723 General Fund in 2025-27 and \$776,443 in 2027-29, including personal services and position-related services and

supplies costs. New positions include an Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position to develop rules, coordinate with stakeholders, and design the grant program; a Program Analyst 2 position to support program design, conduct site monitoring, and reporting; and a Research Analyst 3 position as the primary resource for data reporting, identification of key outcomes and program deliverables, and data analysis.

Other Entities

The measure has no fiscal impact on counties, the Department of Early learning and Care, or the Department of Human Services.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.