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Bill Title: Relating to summer learning; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Education, School Districts, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Confederated Tribes of Siletz, Coquille Indian Tribe, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation, Klamath Tribes, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Burns Paiute Tribe

Summary of Fiscal Impact

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - see analysis.

Measure Description

The measure modifies the Oregon Department of Education's (ODE) Summer Learning Grant program to focus on improving reading proficiency rates among Oregon's kindergarten through grade 12 students. The measure specifies the program elements and the number of program hours for grant eligibility; establishes grant application requirements and the types of organizations that may apply for grants; and directs ODE to prioritize grants for programs using research-aligned literacy strategies and focused interventions to serve students in areas with the lowest rate of reading proficiency. The measure contains annual reporting requirements, and it directs ODE to review statewide student academic outcomes to determine which academic areas to prioritize in upcoming biennia. The measure establishes the Summer Learning Grant Program Fund, which is continuously appropriated to ODE to pay the expenses associated with the Summer Learning Grant program.

Fiscal Analysis

The measure makes various changes to the Summer Learning Grant program, which will have a minimal fiscal impact since ODE already administers this program. However, the measure also establishes the Summer Learning Grant Program Fund as a dedicated fund for the Summer Learning Grant program. Funding for the Summer Learning Grant program is included in HB 5047 (2025), which provides funding for the program in summer 2025, summer 2026, and the start of summer 2027. ODE received position authority in HB 4082 (2024) to administer Summer Learning Grants in the 2023-25 biennium. Any needed position authority associated with administering the program in the 2025-27 biennium will be considered in ODE's budget bill, SB 5515 (2025).

The measure is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact on school districts and the nine federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

Each year, ODE shall prepare a report on the Summer Learning Grant program to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education, including a preliminary report by January 15 and a final report by February 15.