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Bill Title: Relating to substitute teachers; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Education, School Districts, Oregon Health Authority, Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

Summary of Fiscal Impact

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the Senate Committee on Education to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure directs the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to contract with a third party to develop and offer online professional development opportunities for substitute teachers. The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall establish by rule a substitute teaching license and a restricted substitute teaching license. The measure provides that certain substitute teachers shall be eligible to enroll in a health benefit plan offered by the Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB). The measure establishes the Office of Substitute Teachers within ODE, as well as the Substitute Teacher Insurance Fund, which is continuously appropriated to OEBB to reimburse school districts for the cost of paying health insurance premiums for substitute teachers. The measure appropriates a blank amount of General Fund to OEBB for deposit in the Substitute Teacher Insurance Fund.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.