

HB 3941 -1, -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Department of Education to establish and administer a grant program for community schools. It allows ODE to contract with a non-profit organization with community school experience. The measure prescribes applicant eligibility requirements and the uses for the grant funding. It requires ODE or the non-profit organization to establish a committee to administer the program. The measure requires the Department or non-profit to consider the recommendation of the committee prior to selecting grant recipients, limits the number of grants to five, and requires each recipient to receive a \$170,000. The measure requires ODE to submit reports to interim committees of the Legislative Assembly prior to September 15, 2026, September 15, 2028, and September 15, 2029. The measure appropriates \$4,990,000 from the Administrative Service Economics Development Fund to ODE for the establishment and administration of the grant program. 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:

- How does the organization work
- Chronic Absenteeism Workgroup
- How the Coordinator position works
- Coordination between the principal, the superintendent and the coordinator

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment modifies the application requirements to include a plan for engaging with the community to create and maintain a full-service community school. It requires the State Board of Education to define a full-service community school by rule. It provides for the committee to make recommendations to the State Board of Education and assist in implementing the program. It allows members of the committee to receive compensation. It removes the grant amount. It modifies the date for ODE to submit a report to the legislative assembly to be no later than September 15 of each-even numbered year.

-2 The amendment adds definitions. It modifies the eligible applicant to either be a school district or a education service district (ESD). It modifies the eligibility requirements to include a labor organization in the consortium. It prevents private entities from performing services that are traditionally and customarily by employee of a school district or ESD in a consortium and provides an exemption. It adds labor organizations to the committee members qualifications. It removes the requirement for applicants to designate a member to receive the funding.

BACKGROUND:

Under [current law](#), a community school is a program that fosters citizen involvement and provides educational, recreational, cultural, and related services to the community. When a community chooses to create a community school, a school district must operate it unless the school district consents to allow a community college, community service district, an education service district, a municipal government, or a parks and recreation

districts.

PRELIMINARY