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Bill Title: Relating to state moneys for school districts impacted by wildfires; declaring an emergency.

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

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,100,000	\$ -	\$ 9,100,000	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,100,000	\$ -	\$ 9,100,000	-	-
2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-

Measure Description

The measure provides for the transfer of \$9.1 million from the Statewide Education Initiatives Account to the School Stabilization Subaccount for Wildfire-impacted School Districts for the purpose of awarding grants to school districts impacted by the 2020 wildfires in Oregon. The measure extends the grant program through the 2025-26 school year and the School Stabilization Subaccount for Wildfire-impact School Districts until December 31, 2026.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure is \$9.1 million Other Funds in the 2025-27 biennium. During the 2022 legislative session, the Legislature passed HB 4026 to help school districts in communities that lost housing and infrastructure due to the 2020 wildfires in Oregon. HB 4026 established a grant program that provided financial assistance to offset potential losses of funding due to migrating students and families, while at the same time providing sustainability for communities and schools during their recovery. HB 4026 established criteria to identify qualified, wildfire-impacted school districts, and directed the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to award grants over four school years to cover state formula funding reductions resulting from ADMw declines within those wildfire-impacted districts. In order to qualify, a school district must demonstrate that one or more school buildings of the district were damaged because of the 2020 wildfires, resulting in students being displaced. Alternatively, or in conjunction with the district property damage criteria, a district may demonstrate housing within the boundaries of the school district was damaged because of wildfires causing students to be displaced from the district.

ODE will transfer the \$9.1 million from the Statewide Education Initiatives Account to the School Stabilization Subaccount for Wildfire-impacted School Districts to continue the grant program until December 31, 2026. Since ODE already administers this grant program, ODE will not require any additional staff to continue this program.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on July 1, 2025.

The grant program created by HB 4026 sunsets on December 31, 2026.

The School Stabilization Subaccount for Wildfire-impact School Districts is abolished on December 31, 2026. Any remaining moneys in the Subaccount shall be transferred to the Statewide Education Initiatives Account on December 31, 2026.