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Bill Title: Relating to computer science education; 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 | \$ 5,000,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 5,000,000 | 4 | 3.28 |
| Total Fiscal Impact | \$ 5,000,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 5,000,000 | 4 | 3.28 |
| 2027-29 Biennium | General Fund | Lottery Funds | Other Funds | Federal Funds | Total Funds | Positions | FTE |
| Department of Education | \$ 5,000,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 5,000,000 | 3 | 2.50 |
| Total Fiscal Impact | \$ 5,000,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 5,000,000 | 3 | 2.50 |

Measure Description

The measure requires all public schools to offer computer science education at all grade levels beginning in the 2028-29 school year and requires the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to develop and maintain teacher supports, hire staff, and support access to computer science education. The State Board of Education shall include computer science in its regular review of Common Curriculum Goals, performance indicators, and diploma requirements. The measure appropriates \$5 million General Fund to ODE in the 2025-27 biennium to develop and maintain programming to support current teachers in expanding their capacity to teach computer science and to support and expand equitable access to culturally responsive and sustainable computer science education for all students.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure is \$5 million General Fund and four positions (3.28 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium; and \$5 million General Fund and three positions (2.50 FTE) in the 2027-29 biennium. ODE will utilize \$4.1 million for professional services contracts with 13 STEM Hubs and seven public universities. ODE anticipates up to 4 contracts with an average cost of \$950,000 per contract. Contract execution would be prioritized to meet the requirement that school districts offer computer science courses by the 2028-2029 school year. ODE will use the remaining funding to hire four new positions (3.28 FTE) to administer the program, including:

- One full-time, permanent Education Specialist position 2 to develop K-12 computer science standards and instructional materials.
- One full-time, permanent Program Analyst 3 position to coordinate standards development, administrative rule changes, and contract administration for professional learning.

- One full-time, permanent Administrative Specialist 2 position to handle site and panel coordination, travel reimbursement, and expense claim forms.
- One full-time, limited duration Research Analyst 4 position to create and analyze the data system around computer science courses and course coding.

ODE will also utilize existing staff as a part-time, limited duration Program Manager 3 position through overtime or backfilled with temporary services. The estimated cost of these positions, including position-related services and supplies, is \$925,113 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium. Assuming ODE receives an additional \$5 million General Fund appropriation in the 2027-29 biennium, ODE will utilize \$4.3 million for professional services contracts with STEM Hubs and universities and use the remaining \$697,899 to support three permanent positions (2.50 FTE) in the 2027-29 biennium.

The measure may have a fiscal impact on some school districts beginning in the 2028-29 school year. While most schools have technology integrated throughout the K-12 environment, the courses are typically offered in middle and high school, with perhaps some integration in elementary school. The measure directs ODE to develop the academic content standards and instruction for computer science classes. Without knowing what the curriculum will entail, it is unclear how many districts (if any) would not already satisfy the majority of the academic content standards promulgated by ODE. Any necessary professional development for staff will be provided through the professional services contracts with STEM Hubs and universities; however, additional staffing may be needed to teach the computer science curriculum in school districts where computer science is not currently being offered. To meet the requirements of the measure, impacted school districts may have to redirect current operational or STEM funding to offer the computer science courses. If passed, the financial impacts of this measure should be reviewed by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education during the 2027 legislative session.

Relevant Dates

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

School districts are not required to offer computer science courses until the 2028-29 school year.