FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION



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Bill Title: Relating to legal processes involving education districts.

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

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 requires each school district to prepare an annual report that summarizes the legal expenditures of the school district and the legal processes involved in by the school district. The report must include information related to special education and related services and abbreviated school day programs, including the total amount spent on legal expenditures related to the provision, planning and implementation of special education and related services or abbreviated school day programs, and a disclosure about whether the school district incurred any specified legal fees.

In addition to developing a new data collection to capture the specified financial information, the Oregon Department of Education may need additional position authority to update administrative rules, oversee annual data collection, submit an annual report, and provide ongoing technical support to school districts. The measure may also have an administrative impact on school districts to develop a tracking system and or new codes for reporting, develop and prepare a new annual report, and legal review of the new report.

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

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