

## SB 896 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Education

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**Action Date:** 02/24/25

**Action:** Do pass and requesting referral to Ways and Means.

**Vote:** 4-1-0-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Frederick, Gelser Blouin, Sollman, Weber

**Nays:** 1 - Robinson

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/3, 2/24

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

This measure establishes the After-School Learning and Enrichment Grant Program to fund after school and enrichment programs for students in K-12. The measure requires the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to administer the grant program and establishes eligibility requirements. The measure appropriates an unspecified amount from the General Fund to ODE for the grants. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on July 1, 2025.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Barriers to establishing and running afterschool programs
- Aligning the After-School Learning and Enrichment Grant Program with other grant opportunities
- Impacts of afterschool programs on child development and learning

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

According to the [National Center for Education Statistics](#), 85 percent of the nation's public K-12 schools offer after-school programs. For schools without one or more academically focused after-school programs, the most cited reasons for not running more programs were lack of funding, finding staff support, lack of student participation, and transportation.

From 2022 to 2024, the Oregon Department of Education used funds from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund III (ESSER III) to create the [Culturally Specific After School Learning Grant Program](#).