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Technical Changes to Regional Programs

SB 53 A

House Education Committee

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ODE's EQUITY STANCE

“Education equity is the equitable implementation of policy, practices, procedures, and legislation that **translates into resource allocation, education rigor, and opportunities for historically and currently marginalized youth, students, and families** including civil rights protected classes. This means the **restructuring and dismantling of systems** and institutions that create the dichotomy of beneficiaries and the oppressed and marginalized.”

SB 53 A: Technical Changes to Regional Programs

GOOD GOVERNANCE

Regional programs provide specialized services and supports across Oregon for over 11,000 children, birth to 21, with low incidence/high need disabilities that include: autism spectrum disorder, blind and visually impaired, deaf and hard of hearing, deafblindness, orthopedic impairment, and traumatic brain injury

- The eight regional programs are:
 - Eastern Oregon (Intermountain ESD)
 - Central Oregon (High Desert ESD)
 - Southern Oregon (Southern Oregon ESD)
 - Cascade (Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD and South Coast ESD)
 - Willamette (Willamette ESD)
 - Columbia (Portland Public Schools)
 - Lane (Lane ESD)
 - Northwest (Northwest Regional ESD)

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SB 53 A Changes

- Aligns Oregon Revised Statutes 343.236 and 343.239 with recent clarifications through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), guidance from the Office of Special Education (OSEP) in 2016, and findings from a 2018 Secretary of State Audit
 - Revision is necessary to meet IDEA requirements and assure continued federal funding of Regional Programs that serve children and students in Oregon with low incidence / high need disabilities
- Requires the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to conduct a study reviewing how education is provided to students with low incidence disabilities across the state, identifying potential improvements, and evaluating funding models

GOOD GOVERNANCE

SB 53 A - Amendment in the Senate and Adopted

In section 1, page 2, lines-2-4 of the Introduced bill, we inadvertently repealed the following:

[(4) A school district that contracts to provide a program under this section shall be paid for the state-approved program as determined and funded by the Legislative Assembly. Contracting school districts are authorized to negotiate supplemental programs with participating school districts.]

SED adopted -1 amendment

Questions...

