

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	8 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Clem, Dallum, Greenlick, Komp, Krummel, Lim, Whisnant, Buckley
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Roblan
Prepared By:	Derrick Olsen, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	01/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges Congress to appropriate the maximum amount of funds allowable to fund the costs of special education. Instructs copies to be sent to President and each member of Oregon Congressional Delegation.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current federal funding, historical trend of federal support, cost of special education
- Federal regulations and paperwork required for special education
- Response to Intervention early childhood education project
- U.S. Rep Hooley's sponsorship of draft federal legislation on special education funding in 2001

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: This joint memorial was pre-session filed at the request of Superintendent of Public Instruction Susan Castillo for the Department of Education. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act authorizes the U.S. Congress to pay for up to 40 percent of the average per pupil expenditure for the costs of education children with disabilities, but Congress has not appropriated the maximum amount allowed. According to the March 2006 "Report on Adequacy of K-12 Education Funding" by the Joint Special Committee on Public Education Appropriation, federal funds covered an estimated 17.3% of costs in Oregon in 2004-05. According to the Department of Education, in 2004-05 federal funding totaled \$130 million for children 0-21, or 18% of costs (slightly higher than the initial estimate in the aforementioned report). This joint memorial calls upon Congress to bring funding up to the maximum amount allowed to alleviate the funding shortage for special education at the state and local level, which would be over \$250 million/year in Oregon, according to the Department of Education.