

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted
Vote: 4 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Walker
Nays: 0
Exc.: Westlund
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Meeting Dates: 3/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges Congress to appropriate maximum allowable amount of funds for administration of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provision of services for disabled students in rural areas
- Increase in diagnoses of autism

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act authorizes the U.S. Congress to pay up to 40 percent of the average per pupil expenditure for the costs of educating children with disabilities. However, 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 special education costs in Oregon in 2004-05. This joint memorial calls upon Congress to bring funding up to the maximum amount allowed to alleviate the funding shortage, estimated by the Oregon Department of Education to be over \$250 million each year, for special education at the state and local level.