2007 Regular Legislative Session FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION Proposed by the Oregon Legislative Figure Office

Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 3179 STATUS: A-Engrossed

SUBJECT: Public charter school application, criteria for approval, and State Board of Education

review of denial of application for public charter school

GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Oregon Department of Education, Judicial Branch

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<u>2007-2009</u> <u>2009-2011</u>

EXPENDITURES: See Comments.

POSITIONS / FTE: See Comments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: This bill is not anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

COMMENTS: Among other provisions, the measure adds a review process by the State Board of Education (Board) if a public charter school governing body or sponsor believes there has been a violation of certain public charter school statutes by the other party. A party could seek judicial review of a Board's determination issued in an order.

The impact to Oregon Department of Education (ODE) would be the workload equivalent of a Principal Executive Manager F, an Education Specialist 2, and an Office Specialist 2, to accommodate the estimated 3-4 reviews per year. ODE estimates an equivalent of 2 months' work by each of the three positions would be required in 2007-09. The cost of staff time would be approximately \$35,298, and services and supplies are estimated to be approximately \$8,600. The estimate of services and supplies includes some in-state travel and non-capitalized costs, which the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) believes may be high, but are not material in overall expenditures of ODE. Staff costs would be the same in 2009-11; services and supplies costs would be reduced. Actual costs may be different.

For purposes of this fiscal impact statement, LFO assumes that this single measure would not necessarily require ODE to hire additional staff. However, it does represent the allocation of staff resources, without identifying what duties and responsibilities of those staff would be re-prioritized. LFO notes that other bills are pending before this Legislative Assembly that also would require an expenditure of ODE staff time. If this measure creates a workload beyond the levels assumed in the ODE budget, or if the cumulative effect of workload from the enactment of other bills exceeds levels assumed in the ODE budget, additional resources may be required.

The Oregon Judicial Department anticipates that there would be a low volume of cases filed in circuit court each year, with a minimal impact on the judicial system.