Senate Bill 607

Sponsored by Senator NELSON, Representatives JENSON, G SMITH (at the request of Michael Lasher, Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Directs Department of Education to award grant to rural education service district for purpose of purchasing data projectors and document cameras for use in classrooms.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Education for grant. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- Relating to using technology in classrooms; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency. 2 3
 - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "rural education service district" means an education service district:
 - (a) That has one or more counties with a population of less than 12,000;
 - (b) That has more than 10 component school districts; and
 - (c) In which more than 55 percent of the students attending public schools qualify for free or reduced priced meals under the United States Department of Agriculture's current Income Eligibility Guidelines.
 - (2) During the 2007-2009 biennium, the Department of Education shall award a grant to a rural education service district for the purpose of purchasing data projectors and document cameras for use in the classrooms of the schools of the component school districts of the rural education service district.
 - (3) To receive a grant under this section, the rural education service district must agree to expend a matching amount of funds from other resources on data projectors and document cameras.
 - (4) The rural education service district shall study the increased efficiencies and student achievement achieved by purchasing the data projectors and document cameras.
 - (5) Prior to February 1, 2009, the rural education service district shall report the findings of the study to the Department of Education and the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly.
 - SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$448,438 for the purpose of awarding a grant to a rural education service district under section 1 of this 2007 Act.
 - SECTION 3. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect July 1, 2007.

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