

2008 Special Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 1068 **STATUS:** A-Engrossed
SUBJECT: Requires school districts to offer half-day kindergarten.
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Oregon Department of Education and local school districts
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DATE: February 12, 2008

EXPENDITURES: See comments

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Passage

INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS: The budgetary impact of this bill was not reviewed, nor approved, by the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means Committee and is not included in the omnibus budget bill to be introduced by the committee.

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.

ANALYSIS: This measure changes the current requirements of what types of kindergarten school districts and public charter schools must offer and are allowed to offer. The measure also specifies the academic standards and transportation requirements to be followed by school districts and public charter schools. The measure further clarifies when tuition is to be charged for kindergarten and addresses specifics for tuition waivers. Finally, the measure directs school districts and/or public charter schools to establish factors that constitute a severe hardship in reference to circumstances for tuition waivers.

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) reports that there is no fiscal impact to the Department as a result of this bill due to that fact that they currently have administrative rules for the goals and standards of the public K-12 education systems and won't require any additional rulemaking.

The impact to local governments is in the form of school districts and public charter schools.