

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Dembrow, Harker, Huffman, Komp, Maurer, Roblan, Sprenger, Thatcher, VanOrman, Gelser
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/30, 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits Department of Education to award grants to school districts, education service districts, Youth Corrections Education Program and Juvenile Detention Education Program for school library programs. Requires local districts' continuous improvement plans to include goal of implementing a strong school library program. Provides that portions of the measure applicable to grants to districts first applies to the 2010-2011 school year. Provides that portions of the measure applicable to local districts' continuous improvement plans first applies to plans updated on or after effective date of the Act.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for additional school libraries in school districts
- Librarians working with students
- Relationship between increases in the number of libraries to increases in reading ability
- Underdevelopment of libraries in most Oregon school districts

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2586 permits the Department of Education (Department) to award grants for school library programs. Forty-six of 1,263 school libraries met the fully-funded Quality Education Model criteria for school libraries, according to 2006-2007 data from the Department. Thirty-five of these schools were found in the Beaverton School District. This measure encourages further development of school library programs in Oregon.