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Meeting Dates:	5/13, 5/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Specifies amount of State School Fund that Department of Education (ODE) shall receive for instruction of certain hospitalized children and children in long-term care or treatment. Declares an emergency; effective July 1, 2009.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Students placed in long-term care by the Oregon Youth Authority and Department of Human Services
- Concerns related to how education funding is calculated in the state
- Current method used by Department of Education for funding instruction of hospitalized children

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Modifies formula for calculating sums ODE shall receive from State School Fund for funding instruction of hospitalized children in long-term care or treatment.

BACKGROUND: The ODE reports that the cost of educating a child in hospital programs and long-term care or treatment programs is rising faster than statutory reimbursement rates. Senate Bill 70B was requested by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to respond to these rising costs and ensure that the ODE receives funds to cover the cost of these students' education.