

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

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: 5/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Department of Education to establish pilot program to encourage school districts to provide supplemental summer instruction to improve student achievement. Permits department to encourage school districts to provide supplemental instruction and establish process by which school districts notify department of their willingness to participate in the pilot program. Permits school district to seek specified funds to offer supplemental summer instruction. Requires department to report to interim legislative committees related to education on pilot program no later than October 1, 2010. Sunsets January 2, 2012. Declares an emergency; effective July 1, 2009.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Year-round school
- Educating students and preparing them for the global economy
- Student time in the classroom
- Potential private funding for the program

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: By rule, Oregon schools are required to offer a minimum number of instructional hours: 405 hours for kindergarten, 810 hours in grades 1-3, 900 hours in grades 4-8, and 990 hours in grades 9-12. Additionally, there is a requirement that there be no fewer than 265 consecutive calendar days between the first and last instructional day of each school year at each grade level. Some school districts set attendance requirements above the mandated minimum. School districts typically require instructional time somewhere between the required minimum and approximately 1,200 hours of instruction per year.