

**2009 Regular Legislative Session**  
**FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**  
**Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office**

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**MEASURE NUMBER:** HB 2756                      **STATUS:** A-Engrossed  
**SUBJECT:** Establishing the higher education scholarship program and the Oregon Roadmap to Language Excellence Fund  
**GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED:** Oregon Student Assistance Commission  
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	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b> See Comments		

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2010

**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.

**COMMENTS:** House Bill 2756 allows the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) to award an Oregon Roadmap to Language Excellence Scholarship to qualified students. The bill allows OSAC to adopt rules to set standards for levels of language proficiency needed for students to obtain a scholarship and choosing an assessment method for measuring language proficiency needed for eligible students to qualify for the scholarships. The bill establishes the Oregon Roadmap to Language Excellence Fund and continuously appropriates the moneys in this fund to OSAC to award scholarships to students who meet the eligibility requirements in the bill. The fund will be comprised of moneys appropriated to OSAC and donations or grants received by OSAC for scholarships.

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Education to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. Moneys are appropriated to OSAC for the purpose of awarding scholarships to qualified students. OSAC indicates that the bill will have a fiscal impact on its staff to collect and analyze transcripts to determine the initial and continuing eligibility of students for the scholarships and to define and monitor annual gain in scholarship recipients' language proficiency. A complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.