

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

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**MEASURE NUMBER:** HB 3041

**STATUS:** A Engrossed

**SUBJECT:** Pilot project within the Oregon Department of Education and health literacy programs in federal Head Start programs

**GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED:** Department of Education

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	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b> See analysis		

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** On passage

**GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:** This bill is not anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

**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:** House Bill 3041 allows the Department of Education (ODE) to establish a pilot project for the purpose of assisting federal Head Start program providers in Oregon with adopting and implementing a health literacy program that empowers consumers of health care to better communicate with health care professionals and to more effectively seek appropriate levels of care. The measure allows ODE to select one or more providers to participate in the project and allows them to provide assistance by seeking contributions of funds and assistance from the U.S. Government and facilitate communication among the providers regarding the adoption and implementation of a health literacy program. The measure allows ODE to use funds for the administration of the pilot project and credit the funds to the pilot project. The pilot project is repealed on the convening of the next regular biennial legislative session.

There is uncertainty surrounding when, or if, the permissive provisions of this measure will be undertaken. ODE could undertake actions to implement the permissive provisions of this bill. If ODE were to pursue the permissive provisions, ODE would expend staff time valued at approximately \$3,200. ODE estimates the impact on current staffing to be a workload equivalent of one Office Specialist 2 at 40 hours and one Fiscal Analyst 2 at 80 hours. ODE assumes that it would contract with a grant writer who would communicate with the providers; the cost of this is anticipated to be no more than \$16,000. This cost could potentially be less as the grant writer wouldn't be required to prepare the legislative report. These cost estimates are based on the assumption that ODE only identifies three providers for the project; costs could be higher if more providers are selected. It is not known how much funding will be available to these providers; therefore ODE cannot predict how many providers it will select to be a part of the pilot project. The pilot project is effective on passage and could impact ODE in the 2007-09 biennium.