

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

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 643

STATUS: Original

SUBJECT: Grants to school districts and public charter schools for physical education

GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Oregon Department of Education, Local Education Agencies

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2009-2011

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EXPENDITURES:

See analysis

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

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: The measure contains a *blank* General Fund appropriation for the Department of Education (ODE) to award grants to school districts and public charter schools for physical education. The measure would be effective on July 1, 2009.

HB 3141 (2007) required ODE to award grants to school districts and public charter schools for the purpose of meeting physical education requirements. The measure allowed school districts to use the grants to hire teachers who specialize in physical education and provide in-service training to teachers on the academic content standards for physical education and the requirements of HB 3141. ODE was directed to determine the amount of the grants; the criteria for awarding the grants; and the process of awarding grants. ODE was also given the authority to expend up to \$860,000 from the State School Fund to award grants to school districts and public charter schools for physical education. ODE reports twenty-eight grants were awarded as a result of the authority given to the department in HB 3141.

Based on recent experience of awarding twenty-eight grants in 2009, ODE estimates the impact on staffing as a result of this measure for the 2009-11 biennium to be one Health/Physical Education Specialist at 0.20 FTE and one Office Specialist at 0.10 FTE. ODE values this staff time at approximately \$60,700. The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) notes that ODE would not need to hire additional staff to support the grant award process, only to re-prioritize duties and responsibilities of existing staff. The \$60,700 equivalent serves as an estimate of possible incremental staffing cost if ODE needs to hire additional staff in the event that re-prioritization of duties and responsibilities of existing staff were not feasible throughout the duration of the grant award process or if the cumulative effect of workload from the enactment of other bills exceeds levels assumed in the ODE budget. LFO notes that other bills are pending before this Legislative Assembly that also would require an expenditure of ODE staff time. The grant structure needed to administer these grants electronically is already built into the E-Grant Management System (EGMS) which allows grantees to monitor their sub grants from beginning to end and submit their claims electronically within ODE as a result of HB 3141. The total fiscal impact to ODE is indeterminate until the exact General Fund appropriation is specified.