

**REVENUE IMPACT OF
PROPOSED LEGISLATION
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Bill Number:	HB 2834A
Revenue Area:	School Finance
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Measure Description:

Directs closure of the Oregon School for the Blind prior to September 1, 2009. Abolishes the Board of Directors and transfers functions to the Department of Education. Requires the Department of Education to ensure that a comprehensive student transition plan is developed. Transfers school property in trust to the Department of Administrative Services. Directs any revenue from sale or lease to the Oregon Trust Fund for Blind and Visually Impaired Students for educational opportunities. Establishes Blind and Visually Impaired Student Legacy Fund to provide services including supplementing regional programs. Appropriates \$6.5 million to the Blind and Visually Impaired Student Legacy Fund. Takes effect on passage and is generally operative September 1, 2009.

Revenue Impact (in \$Millions):

	Fiscal Year		Biennium		
	2009-10	2010-11	2009-11	2011-2013	2013-2015
School Districts	\$	\$	School formula revenue increase and shifts among districts		
Oregon Trust Fund ...	\$	\$	Revenue from a sale or lease		
Total	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

Impact Explanation:

The State School Fund grant of about \$210,000 to the school for the blind currently outside the school equalization formula becomes part of funds available for distribution by the formula. This formula money will primarily go to the home districts of blind and vision impaired students reporting additional ADM. Transferring to home districts will likely cause some shift of funds among districts from the school formula transportation grant and high cost disability grant. If the blind school property were sold, the sale proceeds for deposit into the trust fund could range up to roughly \$10 to \$15 million based on dated appraisals.

Creates, Extends or Expands Tax Expenditure: Yes No