

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2644 A

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Directs state education programs to submit specified information about number of students and number of licensed or registered teachers regularly assigned to students.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), School Districts

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

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	2013-15 Biennium	2015-17 Biennium
General Fund	\$267,446	
Lottery Funds		
Other Funds		
Federal Funds		
Total Funds	\$267,446	\$0
Positions		

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: This bill requires the Department of Education (ODE) to report on the number of students and number of licensed or registered teachers regularly assigned to students and makes the information available to the public and to the Legislative Assembly. The bill instructs ODE to report on core curriculum (defined by the State Board of Education) for 2014-15 school year. In the 2015-16 school year ODE would report on all classes.

ODE is currently working on a data system funded with ARRA funds that will be able to meet the reporting requirements of this bill, but is not robust enough to collect and report the volume of data required by this bill. ODE will need to make technical improvements to the system and create a reporting process. It is expected that this will require \$267,446 General Fund to meet these requirements. These are one-time costs that would be incurred in the 2013-15 biennium.

Oregon Youth Authority contracts with school districts for teachers and would not be affected by this bill. School districts would be affected by this bill due to the additional reporting requirements and it is reasonable to assume that this fiscal impact could be substantial. Actual estimates of this cost are not available at this time.

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Education

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 2/25, 3/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs education programs to submit class size information to the Department of Education. Directs Department of Education to make the information available to the public on its website.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

(-1) Directs the State Board of Education to identify by rule the definition of what constitutes a class; the definition of what constitutes a regular assignment of teachers to students; the categories of classes; and if possible, the source of data used.

BACKGROUND: The current law requires state education programs to provide information to the Department of Education about the number of students in the core curriculum. This measure changes the language to direct the education programs to submit information about the total number of students in classes.