
MEMORANDUM

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To: Members of the Education Subcommittee

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Date: June 27, 2013

Subject: HB 2636 -B -- Work Session Recommendations -- Take 2

Background Information

HB 2636-B establishes the STEM Investment Council to assist the OEIB, the Chief Education Officer (CEdO), and others in developing and overseeing a long-term strategy to advance state goals related to science, technology, engineering and math. The goals involve increasing the number of students who are either proficient in science and math or who earn post-secondary degrees in relevant areas. The CEdO is to appoint the Council, at least until March 2016 when the authority for the CEdO and the OEIB sunset. After that Council will assist the Community College Commissioner, Superintendent of Education, and the Chancellor.

The bill also establishes the STEM Investment Grant Program for funding STEM related programs in school districts, community colleges, and public universities. The Council assists in administering the grant program. Funding would flow through the Department of Education.

Recommended Changes HB 2636-B

LFO recommends one amendment (B8) which is an amendment to fix a technical drafting issue. It has no direct bearing on the content of the bill. In the current version of the bill (B Engrossed), section 8 amends section 7 but the language is not exactly the same between the former and latter sections.

Sen./Rep. _____ moves the B8 amendment to HB 2636-B.

HB 2636 Final Subcommittee Action:

Final Motion:

Sen./Rep. _____ moves HB 2636 to the full committee as amended with a "do pass" recommendation.

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep.
Carrier – Senate: Sen.

Revenue:

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Action:

Vote:

House

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Senate

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Exc:

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Meeting Date: [Full Committee Meeting Date]

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates STEM Investment Council charged with advancement of educational initiatives in fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Establishes STEM Investment Grant Program to fund programs and STEM Investment Account but no money is appropriated for the program at this time. Emphasizes funding for STEM programs that are elements of partnerships or regional strategies to improve STEM achievement. Requires STEM Council to report progress annually to Legislative Assembly. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.

ISSUES DISCUSSED: None.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Makes a technical amendment correcting a drafting issue in the bill.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 4056 (2012) established the Joint Interim Task Force on STEM Access and Success to encourage students to study STEM subjects. Among the legislative recommendations are the following: “The Task Force recommends the establishment of an entity within the office of the Chief Education Officer responsible for developing, coordinating and advancing STEM learning and industry engagement in Oregon. In this report, we refer to the entity as the STEM Council, which is envisioned as a partnership between the public and private sectors with responsibility for:

- Adopting and advancing an ambitious agenda for STEM education, including clearly articulated goals for K-12 and post-secondary education systems;
- Developing and managing the infrastructure for STEM Hubs;
- Administering moneys appropriated from the general fund for STEM development; and
- Ensuring appropriate resource distribution and accountability for STEM Hubs and other programs funded to advance STEM education through a competitive grant process.”

HB 2636-B8
(LC 2288)
6/26/13 (HRL/ps)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
B-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2636**

- 1 On page 7 of the printed B-engrossed bill, delete lines 3 and 4 and insert:
- 2 “(4) When evaluating applications for a grant, the council:”.
- 3 In line 8, delete “and department”.
- 4 In line 23, delete “and department”.
- 5 _____