

**HB 2636**  
**Relating to Advancement of STEM Educational Goals**

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HB 2636 establishes the STEM Investment Council to assist the Oregon Education Investment Board, the Chief Education Officer, and others in developing and overseeing a long-term strategy to advance state goals related to science, technology, engineering and math or STEM. This 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.

The bill was returned to the joint Committee on Ways and Means to address a drafting issue.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 2636 be amended and reported out do pass as amended.

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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

**Revenue:**

**Fiscal:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass the B-Engrossed Measure as Amended and be Printed C-Engrossed

**Vote:**

House

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

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**Meeting Date:** June 28, 2013

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**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.”

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**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”.
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