77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Education & Workforce Development

REVENUE: No revenue impact **FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Beyer, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan, Hass

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Appropriates funds to Department of Education for purpose of funding grant allocations under Career and Technical Education Revitalization Grant Program. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2013.

MEASURE: SB 498

CARRIER:

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Past success of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Revitalization Grant Program
- Support from majority of members in the Legislature
- Support from private and public sectors
- Existing need for skilled graduates of CTE programs
- 90% graduation rate of CTE students; success of CTE programs as an alternative method of learning for students who otherwise are challenged with traditional "Three Rs" classroom approach.
- Measure as part of a ten-year commitment to fully fund CTE programs statewide

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2732 (2009) established the Career and Technical Education Task Force and charged it with developing a plan to increase collaboration among elementary and secondary schools, community colleges, labor, business and industry, and also with making recommendations regarding the revitalization of Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in Oregon. House Bill 3362 (2011) implemented those recommendations by funding a grant program for CTE programs, establishing the framework for a system of educational pathways for workforce development efforts. Senate Bill 498 represents a continuation of these programs.