77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session **MEASURE: HB 2956 CARRIER:**

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Education

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Revenue by Prior Reference

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

> Fagan, Gomberg, Gorsek, Huffman, Parrish, Reardon, Sprenger, Whisnant, Gelser Yeas:

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Rick Berkobien, Administrator **Prepared By:**

Meeting Dates: 3/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prescribes formula for Department of Education (ODE) to use in distributing money to pay costs for students in day treatment and residential treatment programs. Clarifies that total utilization rate count calculation for providers be determined through rule by ODE, with data from other state agencies and providers. Stipulates that ODE receive money for emergencies associated with cost of these students, Outlines amount that ODE can retain for emergencies and compliance for expenditures to be set by rule. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of ODE
- 2008 Parrish Report recommendations
- Need for more resources

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: According to a Surgeon General's report, one in five children will experience signs and symptoms of a psychiatric disorder during the course of a year. Some nine million children have serious emotional problems at any point in time.

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) contracts with local educational agencies to provide education programs for students who have been placed by other state agencies, school districts, or private placement in day and residential treatment facilities. The children served by these programs have a variety of therapeutic and educational needs. The programs serve children who require schooling in a sheltered environment in order to protect the health and safety of themselves and/or others and allow the treatment process to extend into the school day in order to fully implement the treatment plan.