

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2748 A

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Measure Description:

Prohibits district school board from charging tuition for nonresident students.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, School Districts

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis.

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 would prohibit a district school board from charging tuition for nonresident students. The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2017. The -16 amendment would allow a school district to charge nonresident student from out-of-state tuition and makes changes to when a school district is prohibited from charging tuition. A school district may continue to charge tuition if the school district charges tuition during the 2013-14 school year. A school district may not charge tuition to a student that qualifies for free or reduced priced lunches under the USDA National School Lunch Program or is a ward of a juvenile court or can demonstrate a financial hardship.

This bill has a minimal fiscal impact to the Oregon Department of Education and an indeterminate fiscal impact to school districts. There are four districts that currently charge tuition to nonresident students, Riverdale, Lake Oswego, Portland, and West Linn. The nonresident tuition varies from \$6,000 to \$12,000. Any student currently paying tuition and who qualifies under the exemptions in this bill, the school district may see a decrease in revenue from the difference in tuition and the per student funding provided by the State School Fund. The Riverdale School District estimates a 2% decrease in revenue due to the provisions of this bill. Data on the number of students who would qualify under the exemptions is not available.