

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage, but with Amendments and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Finance and Revenue
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan, Hass
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Mandates that Oregon Department of Education (ODE) shall develop a statewide plan for education of talented and gifted (TAG) students; details requirements for that education structure; allows up to \$1,350,000 expenditure from state school fund per biennium for support of talented and gifted education; separately, allows up to \$5,850,000 expenditure from state school fund per biennium for support of talented and gifted education.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current instruction and services, including existing mandate but lack of dedicated funding stream for TAG student identification and services
- Need for TAG curriculum; acceleration of existing standard curriculum not sufficient for TAG students
- Concern with method of funding proposed in measure, including funding directly from school funding formula
- Benefits, concerns of potential weighted funding adjustment for individual TAG students

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 272-A reflects the work of the Talented and Gifted Education Task Force which was originally created by Senate Bill 330 in the 2011 Legislative session. Senate Bill 330 created a Talented and Gifted Education Task Force. The Task Force was required to determine the following:

- The resources needed to provide instruction to TAG students
- Appropriate levels of funding for instruction for TAG students, including potential methods of funding
- The number of students who would benefit from instruction as talented and gifted children
- In addition, SB 330 (2011) set up the operational procedures of the TAG Education Task Force

As a result, the TAG Education Task Force met approximately every month from October 2011 until September 2012. The Task Force submitted a final report to the Interim Legislative Committees on October 1, 2012.