

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 755**Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2013 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official***

Prepared by: Tim Walker
Reviewed by: Paul Siebert, Doug Wilson
Date: 04/01/2013

Measure Description:

Broadens definition of term "minority" for purpose of Minority Teacher Act.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, Oregon University System (OUS), School Districts, Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

Summary of Expenditure Impact:**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 expands the definition of "minority" with respect to the Minority Teacher Act by including non-native English speakers and sets goals for increases in minority teachers and minority teacher education students. The bill also requires a report be delivered to the Legislative Assembly no later than July 1, 2014.

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) would be required to conduct research, meet with representatives of various stakeholders and agencies, and contribute to writing the report. ODE estimates that this would require \$64,000 General Fund to support these activities.

The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission is unable to generate a fiscal for this bill because the data that needs to be tracked cannot be accommodated with the current information technology infrastructures age and functionality. Although, the replacement of technology infrastructure is not directly related to the requirements of this bill, tracking this information would necessitate modifications to the current system. In addition, the redefinition of "minority" to include non-native English speakers is beyond the current definition used by the federal government would require additional research on the number and accuracy of the self-identification for the purposes of tracking the number of individuals subject to reporting.

The Oregon University System and School Districts anticipate a minimal fiscal impact due to this bill.