## 77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2014 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Education

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued	
	Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	8 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Fagan, Gomberg, Gorsek, Huffman, Parrish, Reardon, Whisnant, Gelser
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Sprenger
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Meeting Dates:	2/10

**REVENUE:** Revenue statement issued

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs Department of Education (ODE) to make grants to improve student achievement in certain schools that are high poverty and low performing. Appropriates moneys to ODE from General Fund for purpose of making grants. Mandates instructional requirements for specific summer programs. Declares emergency, effective on passage. Provides that the summer program must include at least 60 hours of direct academic instruction by a licensed teacher or assistant to a teacher.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Summer learning committee targets the 19 lowest-performing schools
- Measure as a targeted investment in summer learning programs only

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Provides that the summer program must include "at least 60 hours of direct academic instruction by a teacher licensed under ORS 342.125 or by an assistant to a teacher licensed under ORS 342.125."

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon's Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver requires the Department of Education (ODE) to identify Title I schools for additional review and support. These schools:

- received the lowest rating in one or more of the following areas: (a) proficiency; (b) growth; (c) subgroup growth; (d) ready and engaged; or, (e) graduation and beyond; or,
- failed to meet required participation rates for any subgroup in reading and math; or,
- failed to make progress in improving the achievement of subgroups as measured against an annual measurable objective.

The ESEA Waiver requires that ODE identify between 15 and 20 schools that meet the above criteria to receive additional support. The measure would create a grant program to support those identified schools, and would further appropriate \$660,000 to fund that grant program. The Committee previously took testimony on this topic during Interim Legislative days, on January 16, 2014.