

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Education

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 2/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Outdoor Education Account to provide outdoor school program. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for deposit in account. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 439 establishes an Outdoor Education Account in the State Treasury for the purpose of funding a six-day, residential, hands-on outdoor school program for fifth and sixth grade students. Senate Bill 439 appropriates \$44,000,000 out of the General Fund for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015 for deposit into the Outdoor Education Account.

House Bill 2544 (2009) established the Oregon Environmental Literacy Task Force for the purpose of developing the Oregon Environmental Literacy Plan. House Bill 2544 established that the task force was to identify and encourage programs that allow students to directly experience the outdoors by providing environmental education experiences and that incorporate field-based learning, place-based learning, service learning, outdoor learning or experimental learning. The plan was released in 2010.