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Measure: HB 2931 - 1

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Measure Description:

Directs Oregon Health Authority to disseminate to school districts information related to elevated levels of radon.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, Oregon Health Authority (OHA), School Districts

Local Government Mandate:

This does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

House Bill 2931 with the – 1 amendment requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to disseminate information related to elevated levels of radon to each school district in Oregon. The bill specifies what type of information must be disseminated. If requested by OHA, the State Board of Education must assist OHA in disseminating the information. The bill requires each school district to develop a plan for testing schools for elevated levels of radon. OHA must develop a model plan for school districts to follow. OHA must seek input of the Oregon School Boards Association in developing this model plan. The bill specifies minimum standards for this plan, including providing for testing of radon in schools at least once every 10 years. Results of these tests must be made available to district school boards, OHA, and the school community. School districts must submit their plan to OHA by September 1, 2016. These plans must require initial testing of schools for elevated levels of radon by January 1, 2021; this requirement does not apply to schools that have been tested for elevated levels of radon on or after January 1, 2006.

The bill appropriates unspecified amounts of General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Education for carrying the provisions of this bill. The bill contains an emergency clause, and is effective on passage.

Further Analysis Required

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Health Care to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. The bill is anticipated to have a fiscal impact on the Oregon Health Authority, the Oregon Department of Education, and school districts. The amount of this impact is still being determined. A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

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