

**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: Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue**

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**Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Gretchen Engbring, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 3/26, 4/14

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs Department of Education (ODE) to award grants to school districts for support service programs, education innovation programs, and education intervention programs. Directs department to expend no more than specified amount for grants from State School Fund. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Varying local contexts that challenge monolithic statewide investment
- Need to support flexibility at the local level
- State versus local control

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

-1 amendments (proposed) modify \$150,000 expenditure limit to \$150,000,000.

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 898 requires ODE to award grants to school districts for support service programs, education innovation programs, and education intervention programs, based upon a list of strategic investments adopted by the State Board of Education. The bill allows ODE to expend up to \$150,000 per biennium from the State School Fund for grants, with a minimum of \$50,000 each biennium being distributed to school districts that have a weighted average daily membership of less than 8,500. The bill further provides that the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Oregon Education Investment Board, may adopt rules necessary for the administration of the grants.