

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Education

**REVENUE: No revenue impact****FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Gretchen Engbring, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 4/9, 4/14

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs Department of Education (ODE) to assist public educational entities with developing regional service delivery systems for purpose of providing efficient and effective services for public educational entities. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to ODE for purpose of providing grants. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- History of task forces and work groups on the topic of service districts and delivery
- Types of services that education service districts and regional service delivery systems may provide
- Challenges that small, rural schools face in providing services
- Cost benefits of collaborating at a regional level
- Costs associated with developing a regional service delivery system
- Potential for employee displacement

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** ORS Chapter 334 regulates education service districts. Senate Bill 536 proposes to add to this chapter, requiring ODE to assist public education entities with developing regional service delivery systems for the purpose of providing efficient and effective services for public education entities. The bill requires ODE to award grants to entities to assist with the payment of expenses incurred by the entity while developing a regional service delivery system. For the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, Senate Bill 536 requires that \$300,000 be appropriated to ODE out of the General fund to be expended on these grants.