

Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB)				
	2011-13 Actuals	2013-15 Leg. Approved	2015-17 CSL LFO	2015-17 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	*	21,008,299	12,912,353	20,448,682
Total Funds	-	21,008,299	12,912,353	20,448,682
Positions	-	15	15	16
FTE	-	15.00	5.25	16.00

** The OEIB budget for 2011-13 was included as part of the Office of the Governor's budget and totaled just less than \$3.0 million General Fund.*

Program Description

The Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB) was established in 2011 as a focal point and advisory board, primarily for the Governor, but also the Legislature, on education issues spanning from pre-kindergarten through post-secondary education (P-20). The 13 member Board is chaired by the Governor. The OEIB appoints the State’s Chief Education Officer (CEdO) who provides the staffing for the OEIB. While the CEdO position does not have general direct control or hire/fire authority for other education officials in the State, the CEdO does have authority for “direction and control...for matters related to the design and organization of the state’s education system” over these officials. Most of the OEIB budget is for the CEdO’s staff and operations. It also includes resources for grants and special payment for specific education investments. The significant increase during 2013-15 is the transfer of one year’s funding for the Engineering and Technology Industry Council (ETIC) program from the Chancellor’s office approved by the 2014 Legislature. The decrease for the 2015-17 CSL is due to the sunset of OEIB in March 2016.

CSL Summary and Issues

- The enabling legislation for the OEIB included a sunset of the OEIB as both a board and an agency in March 2016. For this reason the CSL for this agency includes funding for only approximately 35% of the biennium. The CSL for HECC includes the ETIC funding for the remainder of the biennium. If the OEIB sunset takes effect, specific responsibilities that must continue are assumed by HECC, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and the State Board of Education.
- There are “strategic investment” funding for various initiatives that OEIB or its staff has had significant responsibility for. These are primarily in the budget for ODE and are generally funded at 2013-15 levels adjusted for inflation. The 2013-15 General Fund budget for OEIB included \$500,000 for grants relating to regional achievement compacts, \$200,000 for state education

connections conferences, and \$250,000 for a statewide reading campaign. These three initiatives are assumed in the 2015-17 OEIB CSL.

Policy Issues

- The Executive Branch submitted legislation to continue the OEIB and the CEO's staff past March 2016. Presently there is a Legislatively led task force working on this issue. Factors that should be considered in continuing the Board and its staff include: (1) assessing whether the Board and/or staff have made a positive difference and/or significant impact in education policy; (2) are other existing officials or entities able to continue the responsibilities of OEIB and its staff; (3) how successful are the various investments and initiatives proposed by the Board or staff;; and (4) general acceptance by the various segments of the education community.
- While the Board's and staff's responsibilities span the P-20 spectrum, the primary focus appears to be around the K-12 system leaving the policy and other issues for the other areas to the Early Learning Council, HECC, and to a lesser extent the State Board of Education. Areas where the Board and its staff have focused their attention include; the "transition" points between early learning and elementary education and the grade 11 to 14 area spanning high school and post-secondary education, regional compacts, equity lens, achievement compacts, and development/expansion of STEM efforts across the state.
- The OEIB staff is made up of primarily of highly compensated staff and their associated support staff. This is not uncommon for agencies where the primary focus is policy oriented and the staff is not directly responsible for the administration of a program.

Other Significant Issues and Background

- Current law requires the development of some form of a statewide longitudinal data system (SLDS), in part to provide information to assess the effectiveness of education related investments and spending. The Executive Branch proposed a system, without too much detail, in the 2013-15 budget and the 2013 Legislature included up to \$700,000 in planning resources to prepare a business case and project management documents for the project. A preliminary business case was presented and a proposed "solution" was presented resulting in the 2014 Legislature also providing for a \$3.5 million General Fund reservation in the Emergency Fund for project implementation if project management documentation was refined, a quality assurance contractor was selected, a risk assessment completed, and the State CIO recommended to move the project forward. At this time the project is not ready to move forward with development. The Emergency Board gave the Executive Branch approval to hire a project manager in early December, but as of the beginning of March the RFP had not been released. The Governor's proposed budget does request \$10.2 million in bonding authority and there is \$2.3 million General Fund included for debt

service in the Department of Education's budget. The Governor's budget does not include any other funding to proceed with the project other than what is required for debt service.

- The funding for the Engineering and Technology Industry Council (ETIC) program was transferred to OEIB from the Chancellor's Office during the 2014 Session. The first issue to address is whether this is the correct place for this program to land. In its current form it seems HECC is a better fit. The Governor's proposed budget recommends dividing this funding by transferring \$24.5 million to HECC to be included in the support payments for public universities, and have OEIB retain \$6.1 million for focused STEM investments.

Co-Chairs' Budget Framework Discussion

- The Co-Chair's Budget Framework does include funding (\$6.38 million GF) at this time to continue the OEIB and staff for at least the remainder of the 2015-17 biennium.
- There is no funding in the CSL or the Co-Chairs' Budget Framework for the statewide longitudinal data system (SLDS) so if this project is to continue past its current planning phase funded in 2015-17, resources will have to be identified.