Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2968 A

## PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

**House Committee On Revenue** 

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued **Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

Action Date: Action:

**Meeting Dates:** 04/29

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# WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs a school district to prepare and file an annual report related to the amount allocated for students in poverty families. Details the contents of the required report. Directs that the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) reports to the interim legislative committees on education prior to January 1 of odd-numbered years.

# **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Relevant data availability
- Lack of information on how effectively poverty dollars are being spent
- Need for accountability

# EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

-A5 refines reporting requirements and contents, and directs that the ODE reports to the interim legislative committees on education prior to January 1 of odd-numbered years.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

A school district receives additional weights for students in poverty families (0.25 extra for each student in poverty). For the school year 2015-16, ODE estimates that there will be over a 104,000 students in poverty and the additional weights from these students will reach over 26,000. Under current law, there is no specific reporting requirement related to the funding based on poverty counts.

Separately, HB 3499 directs a school district to prepare and file an annual report related to the English Language Learner program. ODE is directed to report to the Legislature prior to January 1 of odd-numbered years.