

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

Action Date:

Action:

Meeting Dates:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates the Statewide English Language Learner Program Account to provide moneys for statewide activities related to English Language learner programs. Transfers to the account from the State School Fund, \$12.5 million each biennium. First applies to the 2015-16 State School Fund distribution. Takes effect on July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

HB 3499 creates the Statewide English Language Learner Program Account to provide moneys for statewide activities related to English Language learner programs. The account is funded by \$12.5 million per biennium, transferred from the State School Fund.

The funding of this account is a carve-out off the top, and reduces the amount of money available for distribution through the formula.

This \$12.5 million carve-out is included and fully accounted for in the co-chairs' State School Fund budget for the 2015-17 biennium, and is reflected in HB 5017.