

HB 2545

Relating to school lunches

HB 2545 provides that if a student is eligible under federal guidelines to receive a reduced-price lunch through a school lunch or nutrition program, the school district serving the lunch shall provide the lunch free of charge. The Oregon Department of Education must reimburse the agency for the costs of those lunches.

The State School Fund bill provided a \$2.4 million carve-out or distribution from the State School Fund for the 2015-17 biennium to pay for the costs of the program. The Department of Education budget will also include the necessary Other Funds expenditure limitation to reimburse the districts for this program.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 2545 be reported out do pass.