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# MEMORANDUM

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**To:** *Education Subcommittee*

**From:** *Krista McDowell, Legislative Fiscal Office*  
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**Date:** June 23, 2015

**Subject:** *SB 439*  
Work Session Recommendations

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SB 439 - A relates to funding for outdoor school. The bill establishes an Outdoor Education Account in the State Treasury for the purpose of funding a six day, residential, hands-on outdoor school program or equivalent, for fifth and sixth grade students across the state.

The measure, amendment, and original staff measure summary are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS).

The measure has a no fiscal impact with the –A4 amendment.

## **Amendment**

The proposed – A4 amendment to the measure removes the appropriation clause and relieves Oregon State University Extension Service from any duties or obligations unless funding is provided for expenses incurred.

**Motion: Move the –A4 amendment to SB 439 .**

## **Measure as Modified**

The measure, as amended, is recommended to be moved to the full Committee on Joint Ways and Means.

**Motion: Move SB 439 to the full committee with a “do pass” recommendation, as amended.**

## **Assignment of Carriers**

Full: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Chamber: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Chamber: \_\_\_\_\_

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 439 - A4**

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2015 Regular Session  
Legislative Fiscal Office

***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed  
Versions are Considered Official***

Prepared by: Krista McDowell  
Reviewed by: Paul Siebert, Doug Wilson  
Date: 6/22/2015

**Measure Description:**

Directs Oregon State University Extension Service to assist school districts and education service districts in providing outdoor school programs.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Education, School Districts, Higher Education Coordinating Commission

**Local Government Mandate:**

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Analysis:**

The bill directs the Oregon State University Extension Service (OSU ES) to assist school districts and education service districts by providing outdoor school programs through the administration and maintenance of a grant program. The Extension Service is also directed to develop and review curriculum for the outdoor schools, as specified by the bill, and to provide staff training. The bill establishes the Outdoor Education Account and appropriates \$44 million General Fund for the 2015-17 biennium to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to fund the costs associated with the grant program. The Director of the Oregon State University Extension Service is to convene an advisory committee for the purpose of administering the grant program as well as to submit a report to the Department of Education, related to the ability of outdoor school programs to assist students in meeting certain standards specified in the bill.

The -A4 amendment removes the \$44 million appropriation and provides the following language: Nothing in this section shall be construed as imposing on the Oregon State University Extension Service any duties or obligations unless funding is provided to the service for expenses incurred by the service for the purposes of this section. Because of these changes, there is no fiscal impact.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
A-ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 439**

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, line 4, delete “Sections 2 and  
2 3 of this 2015 Act are” and insert “Section 2 of this 2015 Act is”.

3 On page 2, delete lines 4 through 6 and insert:

4 “(3) Grants shall be awarded to a school district or to an education ser-  
5 vice district.”.

6 In line 34, delete the semicolon and insert “, including:

7 “(A) Developing and reviewing outdoor school program curricula;

8 “(B) Designing outdoor school program lessons that are available on  
9 websites and mobile devices;

10 “(C) Developing outdoor school program learning modules and materials;

11 “(D) Implementing the outdoor school program;

12 “(E) Developing best practices for providing outdoor school programs; and

13 “(F) Providing staff training related to outdoor school programs;”.

14 On page 3, after line 3, insert:

15 “(8) Nothing in this section shall be construed as imposing on the Oregon  
16 State University Extension Service any duties or obligations unless funding  
17 is provided to the service for expenses incurred by the service for the pur-  
18 poses of this section.”.

19 In line 4, delete “(8)” and insert “(9)”.

20 Delete lines 9 through 31 and insert:

21 **“SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate  
22 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**

1 **declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect July 1, 2015.”.**

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