

BUDGET REPORT AND MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action:

Action Date:

Vote:

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Agency: Department of Education

Biennium: 2015-17

Budget Summary

	2013-15 Legislatively Approved Budget	2015-17 Current Service Level	2015-17 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2013-15 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
Other Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000	100.0%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	0	0	5	5
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	3.38	3.38

Revenue Summary

Senate Bill 447 establishes a school facilities matching grant program funded with proceeds of article XI-P general obligation bonds.

Summary of Capital Construction Subcommittee Action

Senate Bill 447 establishes a grant program to provide matching grants to school districts for capital grants. The grants are funded with the proceeds of Article XI-P general obligation bonds which are authorized in the bonding bill. Grants are for the capital costs including construction, improvement, remodeling, equipment purchase, maintenance and repair of a school district building. The district must match the state grant with funds from local voter approved bonds. The size of the grant must be between \$4.0 million and \$8.0 million. Sixty percent of the grants are based on a priority list and forty percent is on a first-come first-served basis. Prior to receiving a grant under this program, a district must prepare and submit a facilities assessment and a long-rang facilities plan. This requirement does not apply for the 2015-17 biennium.

The bill also establishes an Office of School Facilities in the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to administer the program, provide hardship grants, provide grants for preparation of the facilities assessment and long-range facilities plan, and maintain the Oregon School Facilities Database. Funding for the cost of the office and these two grants is from a “carve-out” or distribution from the State School Fund of up to \$6.0 million per biennium. This amount is limited to \$2.5 million for the 2015-17 biennium. It is expected that the \$2.5 million available for 2015-17 will be used for staff costs and grants for the facilities assessment and long-range facilities plan. The “carve-out” for the facilities grants is reduced in the bill for this program and for the decrease assumed in the 2015-17 school funding formula.

At least annually, the Superintendent of Public Education is to convene an advisory group to monitor and assist in administering the program.

The budget provides \$2,500,000 Other Funds expenditure limitation and five permanent positions (3.38 FTE) for the Office of School Facilities. The funding supports \$599,356 for Personal Services, \$137,900 for Services and Supplies, and \$1,762,744 for grants. Four of the positions are full-time, including a Principle Executive Manager F (PEM/F), two Project Manager 3, and one Research Analyst 2. An Information Systems Specialist 6 is half-time. The PEM/F will lead the Office, provide facilities management and funding expertise, and supervise the other staff. The two project managers will act as regional analysts or coordinators; they will provide coordination and assistance to school districts in evaluating the condition of facilities, creating a facilities management plan, and submitting data to ODE. The Research Analyst 2 will provide analytical assistance to the PEM/F. The part-time Information Systems Specialist 6 will manage the facilities database.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

SB 447-B

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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</u>									
SCR 100 - Operations									
Personal Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 599,356	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 599,356	5	3.38
Services and Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 137,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 137,900		
Special Payment Account 6045	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,762,744	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,762,744		
TOTAL SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000	5	3.38