

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION****Measure: SB 217**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2015 Regular Session  
Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed  
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**Measure Description:**

Repeals statutory requirements related to specific strategic education investments.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

School Districts, Department of Education, Oregon Educational Investment Board

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

The proposed legislation is likely to have a minimal expenditure impact on state or local governments. While this individual measure likely has a minimal fiscal impact, an agency may incur a net fiscal impact greater than minimal depending on the cumulative impact of all measures enacted into law that affect the agency.

**Summary of Revenue Impact:**

Indeterminate

**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:**

Senate Bill 217 repeals statutory language which describes specific grant programs administered by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) relating to three general "strategic investment" areas established by HB 3232 during the 2013 Session– (1) Connecting to the World of Work, (2) Oregon Reads, and (3) Guidance and Support for Post-Secondary Aspirations. Instead of describing specifically how funding will be distributed and for what specific activities or purposes, the reference will be to more general purposes under ORS 327.800. It could provide more authority to the Executive Branch in determining how to use funding for these purposes without further direction by the Legislature. The ability to direct appropriations for strategic investments for specific purposes can still be continued under the budget process, but the specific statutory purposes will no longer be in place.

The expenditure impact of this bill is indeterminate for two reasons. First the actual amount of funding for strategic investments will be determined through the budget process and is not known at this time for upcoming biennia. Second, the current staffing for administering these investments is based on the programs outlined in the sections being repealed by this bill at the funding levels set for the 2013-15 biennium. As the nature of the programs or investment change as well as the funding levels, the staffing requirements and costs may also change.

Due to the indeterminate nature of the effect on ODE grant programs, the Legislative Fiscal Office believes this measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means .