

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

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Action Date: 02/23/15

Action: Do Pass. Refer To Ways And Means.

Meeting Dates: 02/18, 02/23

Vote:
Yeas: 8 - Doherty, Frederick, Hack, McLain, Piluso, Reardon, Sprenger, Wilson
Nays: 1 - Barreto

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies criteria to qualify for grant to be used to provide instructional time during summer program. Sunsets grant program June 30, 2017. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Measure as expansion of 2014 program from 13 sites to as many as 30
- Concerns from 2014 process addressed, including short timeline and partial summer programs
- Committee desire that 100% of dollars allocated are utilized during relevant grant period
- Questions regarding oversight and grant reporting processes
- Concerns with “siloing” funds

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 4117 (2014) established a one-time grant program to increase instructional time at certain low performing schools, specifically: (1) schools considered “high poverty” under Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and; (2) focus or priority schools under Oregon’s federal Department of Education waiver. The grant program was funded for 2014 only.

House Bill 2602 continues that grant program for the 2015-17 biennium, and appropriates \$1 million for the program over that period of time. It also broadens the scope of the grant program qualifying criteria to include schools that the Oregon Department of Education has identified as “having a significant achievement gap,” pursuant to standards adopted by the State Board of Education.