

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Education

MEASURE: HB 2650

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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:

Directs State Library to distribute grants to school districts for early reading programs provided during summer.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Desire to combat student academic loss over summers, the “summer slide”
- Two to three months of “catch up” time required, on average, after summer each year
- Summer slide disproportionately affects low income and traditionally underserved portions of the population
- Ability of schools to use summer library programs in conjunction with summer free lunch programs to benefit students most at-risk over summer
- Concern that multiple summer policies are not in sync or otherwise part of a larger strategy

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 2729 (2013) funded grants for afterschool programs in connection with the United States Department of Agriculture’s Afterschool Meal and Snack Program. House Bill 4090 (2014) expanded the work of that measure, and allowed schools to spend granted money to better meet the goals of summer meals programs by adding the summer food service program to the list of programs that can receive grant funds.

House Bill 2650 further expands upon the work of those measures. It allows the State Library, in conjunction with the Department of Education, to issue grants to allow schools with summer lunch programs to keep their libraries open for student use during the summer months.