

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 554

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Education to assist school districts in achieving specified goals related to school discipline.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, School Districts

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis

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:

At this time, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) believes that the ramifications of this measure are not fully understood due to the blank General Fund (GF) appropriation to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and therefore the fiscal impact cannot be fully determined. This bill directs the ODE to assist school districts to achieve goals related to implementing disciplinary strategies, decreasing rates of suspension, and reducing rates of disparities in discipline among students of different racial and ethnic groups. ODE is directed to achieve these goals by entering into contracts to provide consultation and training services to school districts as well as provide grant moneys to school districts to plan and implement strategies to achieve the goals described in the bill.

The work associated with collaborating with school districts, entering into contracts, and administering grants, is anticipated to be minimal and absorbable within the existing parameters of the ODE budget. However it is not known at this time, due to the blank GF appropriation in the bill, how much money may be used for contracting and grants to school districts.