

**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Workforce**

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/08/15

**Action:** Do Pass And Refer To Ways And Means By Prior Reference.

**Meeting Dates:** 04/08

**Vote:**

Yeas: 4 - Dembrow, Gelser, Rosenbaum, Thatcher

Exc: 1 - Knopp

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Appropriates money to Department of Education for the purpose of awarding grants under Career and Technical Education Revitalization Grant Program. Declares emergency, effective on July 1, 2015.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Impact of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Revitalization Grant Program on Oregon schools
- Relation between CTE programs and graduation rates
- Connection of CTE and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs
- CTE spending in Washington

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2013, the Legislative Assembly allocated \$7.5 million to fund the Career and Technical Education Revitalization Grant Program. The grant program expanded CTE programs in 140 Oregon middle schools and high schools. The CTE Revitalization Advisory Committee oversees the program and is comprised of representatives from organized labor, trade organizations, education and Oregon's business community.

Senate Bill 674 appropriates money to the Department of Education for the purpose of awarding grants under the CTE Revitalization Grant Program.