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Measure Description:

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Education for purpose of funding proficiencybased teaching and learning demonstration sites.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
General Fund	\$700,000	
Total Funds	\$700,000	\$0
Positions	0	
FTE	0.50	

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:

The bill appropriates \$700,000 General Fund to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE), for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, to continue the grant program that supports proficiency-based or student-centered learning practices and assessments. This bill would double the amount of funding for this grant program.

ODE currently has management systems developed for this grant program; however ODE does anticipate the need to expand a current 0.5 FTE Program Analyst 4 up to 1.0 FTE in order to manage the additional grants, conduct site visits, and provide technical assistance. LFO has concerns whether this additional staff resources would be required given there are only two grants with the current funding level. If the current position is expanded from half-time to full-time, it is estimated to cost \$97,458 General Funds (GF) in the 2015-17 biennium; the remaining funds in the amount of \$602,542 GF are anticipated to be expended for grants. A more in-depth assessment of the grant program's staffing needs will take place as part of the agency's budget process.