

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Senate Committee On Education****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued**Action Date:** 04/14/15**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments, Be Printed A-Engrossed, Subsequent Referral To Finance And Revenue Be Rescinded And Requesting Referral To Ways And Means.**Meeting Dates:** 03/26, 04/14**Vote:**

Yeas: 6 - Beyer, Gelser, Hass, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan

Exc: 1 - Baertschiger Jr

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Education (ODE) to award grants to school districts for support service programs, education innovation programs, and education intervention programs. Directs ODE to expend no more than specified amount for grants from State School Fund. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Varying local contexts that challenge monolithic statewide investment
- Need to support flexibility at the local level
- Consideration of state control versus local control of investment priorities

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Increases \$150,000 expenditure limit for grants to \$150,000,000.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 898-A requires ODE to award grants to school districts for support service programs, education innovation programs, and education intervention programs, based upon a list of strategic investments adopted by the State Board of Education. The bill allows ODE to expend up to \$150,000,000 per biennium from the State School Fund for grants, with a minimum of \$50,000 each biennium being distributed to school districts that have a weighted average daily membership of less than 8,500. The bill further provides that the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Oregon Education Investment Board, may adopt rules necessary for the administration of the grants.