

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Fiscal: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Sub. Referrals: Joint Committee On Ways

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

and Means

Action Date:

Action:

Meeting Dates:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Education to conduct evaluation related to financial accountability of school districts. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's school finance system combines state, local, and federal revenue to support 197 school districts and 19 education service districts (ESDs). Most state revenue is distributed to school districts and ESDs by a school distribution formula. Local revenue is raised by or flows to local school districts. Federal revenue is allocated to school districts primarily based on eligibility for federal education programs. The Legislative Assembly appropriates money to schools from two main sources: income taxes out of the General Fund and lottery receipts. This money generally makes up the State School Fund.

Senate Bill 1541 would require the Oregon Department of Education conduct an evaluation of methods for tracking allocations and expenditures by school districts, and to report to the Legislature no later than October 15, 2016.