

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 4002 - 3

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Education to develop and implement statewide education plan to address chronic absences of students in public schools.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, Department of Human Services (DHS), Early Learning Council, Oregon Health Authority (OHA), School Districts

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
General Fund	\$525,500	
Total Funds	\$525,500	

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 Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is directed to develop and implement a statewide plan to address chronic absences of students in public schools. The plan will be developed in collaboration with the Department of Human Services, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), ODE's Early Learning Division, and community and education stakeholders. ODE is directed to submit a report, no later than December 1, 2016, to the interim legislative committees regarding the statewide education plan.

The Department of Education plans hire a consultant to research, plan, facilitate and summarize five stake holder meetings, as well as prepare and submit a plan for presentation to the legislature. Consulting costs are estimated to cost \$25,500 General Fund in the 2015-17 biennium.

The bill, as amendment by the -3 amendment, inserts the content of HB 4031 (relating to school absenteeism) which directs the Chief Education Office (CEdO) to coordinate with the OHA and the ODE to design and implement a pilot program to decrease rates of school absenteeism using trauma-informed approaches to education, health services and intervention strategies. CEdO may also coordinate with a statewide nonprofit organization to provide technical assistance to school districts participating in the pilot program. The bill specifies school district eligibility as well as criteria for selection to participate in the pilot program. The amendment eliminates the requirement that at least five schools must be selected for participation in the program. The CEdO, OHA, ODE, and the selected nonprofit organization are directed to submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly no later than October 15, 2019. The report must provide evaluations of the outcomes of the pilot program and recommendations for legislation. The legislation is repealed January 2, 2020. The CEdO is appropriated \$500,000 General Fund for the 2015-17 biennium for administration costs and grant awards.

Assuming that the pilot program will last for three years, with grant funding allocated in three different allotments; the Legislative Fiscal Office recommends that the agency include a policy option package in the Agency Request Budget for the 2017-19 biennium for the remainder of the pilot program funding.

A minimal fiscal impact is anticipated as a result of this legislation for the following: Department of Human Services (DHS), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), and School Districts.