

HB 4002

Relating to chronic absences

On February 24th, the General Government Subcommittee voted to recommend passage of HB 4002, with amendments.

The Oregon Department of Education 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, the 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.

Consulting costs to research, plan, facilitate and summarize five stake holder meetings are estimated to cost \$25,500 General Fund in the 2015-17 biennium.

As amended, the bill also directs the Chief Education Office to coordinate with the OHA and 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. The CEEdO, 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 CEEdO is appropriated \$500,000 General Fund for the 2015-17 biennium for administration costs and grant awards.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends HB 4002 be amended by the -6 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.