

SB 230 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 3/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to register students enrolled in agricultural education with the national Future Farmers of America (FFA) organization. Requires ODE to provide financial support for leadership development and training. Establishes program requirements. Appropriates \$1.8 million from the General Fund to ODE for the Oregon FFA Association to pay for student registration. Requires ODE to establish an incentive grant program to support public school agriculture and science programs, and a grant program for funding extended duty contracts for school district personnel to manage agricultural programs during the summer. Establishes requirements for both grant programs. Directs that funding for the grant programs be drawn from the High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Fund established by Ballot Measure 98 (2016). Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

According to the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE), 12,000 students in Oregon are enrolled in Agriculture Science and Technology courses in grades 7 through 12. The state has 116 agriculture teachers, with the highest enrollment in General Agriculture courses.