

SJR 20 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 3/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Amends the constitution. Requires the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill appropriating funds for the state's K-12 education system before passing appropriations bills for any other agency in odd-numbered years. Requires the Legislative Assembly to consider Governor's written objections to an appropriation bill for the state's K-12 system before considering appropriations bills for any other state agency. Voids appropriations bills passed in violation of the provisions of this bill. Requires the amendment to be submitted for a popular vote at the next regular general election.

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 Oregon Blue Book, spending on K-12 education for the 2015-2017 biennium totals 38.7 percent of the state's budgeted expenditures. Human services spending comprises 25.9 percent, public safety 12.5 percent, other education 12.9 percent, and all other programs added together about 10 percent.

In Oregon, state agencies submit their budget requests through the Chief Financial Office, Department of Administrative Services. After analysis by the Governor's staff and the Chief Financial Office, the Governor submits her Recommended Budget to the legislature. Subcommittees of the Joint Ways and Means committee consider the Governor's recommendations. The budget hearings are public. In addition to the departments and analysts from the Legislative Fiscal Office, citizens are often given the opportunity to testify. Budget decisions made by subcommittees are then sent to the full Ways and Means committee for consideration, followed by both chambers. Legislatively Adopted Budgets generally go into effect July 1.