

**SB 136 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Education**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/23

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Makes changes to Senate Bill 1537 (2016). Moves the repeal date of the post-graduate scholar program from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2019. Requires the report by the Oregon Department of Education required under Oregon Laws 2016 chapter 109 to include recommendations for funding mechanisms that do not draw from the State School Fund. After July 1, 2021, prohibits school districts from paying for community college expenses for post-graduate scholars. 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:**

The Oregon Department of Education describes the state's Post Graduate Scholar Program as a safety net for high school students who have earned a high school diploma, but whose grade point average does not qualify for the Oregon Promise program, and who are ineligible for the PELL Grant or the grant does not cover one year of college tuition and fees.

The program was created by Senate Bill 1537 (2016). The bill established criteria by which a school district may offer a post-graduate scholar program to receive and expend State School Fund moneys for students who have satisfied requirements for a high school diploma. The bill defined and established parameters for fifth-year programs and created a formal program in which students who have completed four years of high school and have met the diploma requirements can remain in high school for one more year and attend community college for college credit.