

SB 313 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 4/10, 4/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Arts Program of the Oregon Business Development Department to conduct a study on issues relating to outcomes of arts education.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- General educational benefits of arts education
- Time required to master skills
- Importance of access to arts education for all students
- Examples of projects professional artists have developed with students

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

[-2 amendment] Replaces the original measure. Creates a Task Force on Equitable Access to Arts Education. Sunsets June 30, 2019. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

FISCAL:

REVENUE: No revenue impact

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Arts Commission and the Oregon Cultural Trust are both administered by the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD). The Commission is responsible for activities including evaluation of the impact of arts on Oregon's economy, distributing funding received through the National Endowment for the Arts, working with leadership of local arts organizations, conducting assessments and maintenance of existing public art, and approving new public art.