

HB 2258 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows Oregon Department of Education to give funding to statewide nonprofit organizations promoting leadership in Career Technical Education that relates to science, technology, engineering and mathematics education and activities. Expands the scope of entities from school districts, education service districts, public schools, public charter schools, community colleges and public universities, to include statewide nonprofit organizations and any combination in order to qualify for such departmental funding.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact toward local and regional nonprofit organizations, as opposed to statewide nonprofit organizations
- Inclusion of charter schools and online virtual schools to receive grant funds
- Use of term "statewide" when referencing nonprofit organizations as opposed to its removal
- Law changes mechanism to allocate money without determining allocation of resources

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Career Technical Education Student Leadership Foundation (OCTESLF) is a private nonprofit that was established in 2011 to support and distribute funding to the Oregon Career and Technical Student Organizations, which provide leadership opportunities at the local and state levels. House Bill 3072 (2015) modified statutory language to no longer include nonprofit organizations in the list of entities eligible to receive grant funding. The Oregon Department of Education became the responsible party in disbursing the grant awards, as opposed to sending a lump grant to OCTESLF for distribution.

House Bill 2258 expands the list of entities that qualify for departmental grant funding in Career Technical Education to include nonprofit organizations.