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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Education to convene advisory group to develop statewide ethnic studies standards for adoption into existing statewide social studies standards for public kindergarten through grade 12.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Advocacy Commissions Office, Commission on Indian Services, Department of Human Services (DHS), Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Office of the Governor, Department of Education

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
General Fund	\$43,149	
Total Funds	\$43,149	\$0
FTE	0.25	

Analysis:

The bill requires the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to convene a 13-member advisory group to review the current standards for social sciences and identify opportunities to recognize histories, contributions, and perspectives of ethnic and social minorities. On or before September 15, 2019 the advisory group must submit a report to ODE that includes proposals for adjustments to statewide social studies standards for public school students in grades K-12. ODE is directed to consider the proposals when adopting standards for ethnic studies; any standards subject to the consideration of these proposals must be adopted no later than September 15, 2020.

Assuming four meetings of the advisory group; ODE will require one limited-duration Education Program Specialist (0.25 FTE) to coordinate the work of the advisory group at an anticipated cost of \$43,149 in the 2017-19 biennium. Costs associated with appointing ODE Equity Unit staff as a member of the commission, as well as rulemaking or member mileage reimbursements, are anticipated to be minimal.

The fiscal impact, as a result of this legislation, to the following state agencies is anticipated to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgetary parameters: Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office, Commission on Indian Services, Department of Human Services, public universities, Office of the Governor.