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Measure: HB 2382

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Education to coordinate with Oregon FFA Association to increase student achievement and improve college attendance and career placement for students enrolled in agricultural education courses.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, School Districts

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis

Analysis:

The bill directs the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to coordinate with the Oregon FFA Association in activities relating to an agriculture, science and technology program (FFA program). Section 2 appropriates \$1.8 million General Fund for the 2017-19 biennium to ODE for activities specified in Section 1 of the bill. It is believed that the intent of Section 1 (1) is to require that the grant funds pay for the membership dues for students (grades 9-12) who enroll in at least one course per school year of an approved FFA program. However, it could be interpreted as mandating that every student (grades 9-12) who attend a school with an approved FFA program, be enrolled as a member and be required to take a minimum of one program course per school year. Additionally, ODE is to provide financial support for leadership development and training, coordinate a minimum of twenty-four state-level competitions for the program, and various other actives specified by the bill. A cost estimate of these requirements is still being prepared to determine if the GF appropriation is sufficient to fund these specified activates.

Sections 3 and 4 establish two grant programs, administered by ODE using criteria set by rule by the State Board of Education. The amount of these grant funds is unspecified however moneys are directed to be sourced from Ballot Measure 98 (2016) revenues. At this time, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) believes that the ramifications of this measure are not fully understood since the amount available for distribution as grants is unknown, and therefore the fiscal impact cannot be determined. Administration costs for the remaining grants will vary depending on the quantity and amount of grant funding distributed. A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Costs associated with rulemaking and data collection from each school district are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing parameters of the ODE budget.

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