

HB 3191 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/05/17

Action: Do pass with amendments
and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-2-0

Yeas: 7 - Doherty, Hernandez, McLain, Parrish, Sollman, Vial, Wilson

Exc: 2 - Evans, Sprenger

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) establish pilot program to offer summer education to elementary school students in high poverty, low-performing schools and significant populations of English Language Learners (ELL). Requires those school districts formally apply for pilot program. Establishes application components to include designating a community organization for partnership with district, number of students impacted and program costs. Establishes requirements for ODE to approve proposed program. Requires the program provide food to students, has qualified staff and provide five weeks of instruction. Requires ODE evaluate pilot programs and establishes grant for such pilot program. Repeals pilot program on January 2, 2020. Establishes Summer Learning Fund in the State Treasury which is separate from the General Fund to pay for pilot. Appropriates money from the Summer Learning Fund to the State Library for the purpose of funding the programing, planning and awareness. Appropriates money from the General Fund to the State Library beginning July 1, 2017. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effect of income, or socioeconomic status, on children during summer month
- Children in lower income levels experience "Summer Slide," which refers to lack of educational opportunities in the summer due to limited resources.
- "Faucet of resources" being available during the school year, and "faucet turned off" during summer months
- Workgroup between May 2016 and September 2016 met and created the proposed pilot project
- Importance of creative partnerships in summer learning and community partners working with organizations
- Necessity of nutrition for low-income students during summer months

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Appropriate blank dollar amount from the General Fund into the State Library for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Education offers a Summer Food Service Program for children in high poverty families who no longer receive free or reduced lunch and breakfast since school is no longer in session. This program provides nutritious meals during the months between the academic years. Though not a summer program, the State Board of Education has approved the English Language Proficiency standards and currently uses teams in school district to deliver professional development in schools with high populations of English learners. This works to provide additional professional development for district personnel and administration.

This Summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.

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House Bill 3191-A establishes a pilot program for school districts to provide summer education to elementary school students in high poverty, low-performing schools and high populations of English Language Learners. It requires the school districts apply by submitting an application and designating a community organization, the number of students impacted and costs of the program. The program would allow students during the summer months to have five weeks of instruction and meals provided.