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Measure: HB 2408

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Measure Description:

Appropriates moneys to plan, establish and operate new school-based health centers, to increase student access to school-based mental health providers and to fund pilot program that uses trauma-informed approaches.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Education (ODE), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Chief Education Office (CEdO)

Analysis:

House Bill 2408 appropriates, for the 2017-19 biennium:

- \$3,000,000 General Fund to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to be distributed to school districts and education service districts to increase student access to school-based mental health providers;
- \$995,000 General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to plan and establish new schoolbased health centers, including retaining community-based technical assistance; and
- an unspecified amount of General Fund to the Chief Education Office (CEdO) to expend on the
 existing pilot program to decrease school absenteeism using trauma-informed approaches to
 education, health services and intervention strategies.

The 2016 Legislature appropriated \$525,500 General Fund for the development and implementation of a statewide plan and pilot program to address chronic absences of students in public schools. Of this amount, \$500,000 was appropriated to the CEdO for administration costs and grant awards. The remaining \$25,500 was appropriated to ODE for the agency to hire a consultant to research, plan, facilitate, and summarize five stake holder meetings, as well as to prepare and submit a plan for presentation to the Legislature by December 1, 2016.

Oregon Department of Education (ODE)

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
General Fund		
Personal Services	\$135,243	
Services and Supplies	\$24,018	
Special Payments	3,000,000	
Total General Fund	\$3,159,261	\$0
Positions	1	0
FTE	0.60	0.00

Assuming the entire \$3,000,000 General Fund must be distributed to school districts and education service districts, ODE will need additional General Fund to administer the program. ODE anticipates needing one half-time limited duration Educational Specialist 2 position to manage the program, including developing the Request for Proposal (RFP) grant application, disseminate grant opportunities to school districts, score and award grant applications, overseeing the grant projects, and collecting data

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on the grant for reporting. ODE estimates the Personal Services and related Services Supplies for this position to be \$159,261 General Fund, one position, and 0.50 FTE for the 2017-19 Biennium.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
General Fund		
Personal Services	\$213,174	\$213,174
Services and Supplies	\$61,826	\$41,657
Special Payments	720,000	960,000
Total General Fund	\$995,000	\$1,214,831

OHA would use the \$995,000 General Fund appropriation for the planning, establishment, and operation of eight new school-based health centers (SBHC). Expenditures for the 2017-19 biennium would include \$720,000 in direct special payments to school-based health centers for the planning phase, at \$90,000 per site per biennium. This cost per center is the maximum allowed based on the current SHBC funding formula. Administrative costs include \$213,174 to fund an existing 1.0 FTE of a Research Analyst 3 position responsible for managing and analyzing encounter and claims data, developing and managing an annual client satisfaction survey, supplying analysis and reporting for annual state status reports, and technical assistance with school-based health centers. Services and Supplies costs include specialized software as well as travel expenses for the Public Health Nurse to monitor each site for compliance of certification standards and annual site visits. The fiscal impact for the 2019-21 biennium includes continuing payments to the eight new school-based health centers as well as continuing administrative costs.

Chief Education Office (CEdO)

General Fund		
Grant Contracts	\$800,000	
Vendor Payments	100,000	
Total General Fund	\$900,000	\$0

CEdO reports that funding from the 2016 Legislature established pilot programs in two schools. The agency estimates the cost of continuing this pilot program for the 2017-19 biennium to be approximately \$900,000 General Fund. This amount reflects funds to maintain grant contracts with schools, as well as vendor contracts to provide training, technical assistance, and data collection.