

SB 803 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/11/17

Action: Without recommendation as to passage. Request rescission of the subsequent referral to Ways and Means, and be returned to the President's desk for referral to another committee.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Gelser, Hass, Kruse, Linthicum, Roblan

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes a grant program, beginning in 2017-2018, to school districts for support service programs, education innovation programs and education intervention programs. Establishes program requirements. Directs the State Board of Education to establish by rule a list of strategic investments. Requires school districts receiving grants to establish separate accounts for grant funds and use those funds only for the purposes specified in their grant applications. Authorizes the Oregon Department of Education to spend up to \$300 million from the State School Fund each biennium for these grants. Requires a minimum of \$100,000 each biennium be distributed to school districts that have a weighted average daily membership of fewer than 250 students. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- School support programs
- School finance
- Needs of students
- Average daily membership calculations

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Support services are those services generally provided to disabled students, to academically struggling students or those students at risk of doing so. "Innovation program" is a term that usually refers to programs offering new or different types of educational models. Intervention programs, sometimes called Response to Intervention, or RTI, are programs that offer intensive services to students who are underperforming or who are at risk for doing so.

According to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE), 30 school districts have a weighted average daily membership of fewer than 250 students.