

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 1062

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Measure Description:

Requires school districts, education service districts and public charter schools to adopt Healthy and Safe Schools Plan to address environmental conditions in facilities owned or leased by districts or schools where students or staff are present on regular basis.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Education (ODE), school districts, education service districts, public charter schools, Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the Senate Committee on Rules to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Senate Bill 1062 establishes the Healthy School Facilities Fund, and carves-out \$2.5 million of State School Funds for facility grants to test and reduce exposure to elevated levels of lead in water, lead-based paint, and installing carbon monoxide detectors. This \$2.5 million carve-out is from the existing facilities grant allocation reducing it from \$9 million per biennium to \$6.5 million per biennium. The bill permits the State Board of Education to issue grants up to \$25,000 each for the assessment of these potential environmental hazards. The bill directs the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to provide financial assistance to school districts, education service districts and public charter schools in adoption, administration and enforcement of Healthy and Safe Schools Plans to address environmental conditions in facilities owned or leased by districts or schools where students or staff are present on regular basis. The bill specifies the minimum content for the Healthy and Safe Schools Plan, and requires school districts, education service districts, and public charter schools to adopt the Plan. Districts and schools are directed to provide ODE with copies of the Plan, and to annually review and revise the Plan. ODE must develop a model Healthy and Safe Schools Plan as guidance for districts and schools. The bill requires ODE to make opportunities for professional development available to district and school staff regarding plan requirements and information reporting. The bill requires districts and schools to make results of testing under the Plan available to the public. Districts and schools must provide annual statement regarding the Plan. The bill expands types of assessment qualifying for Office of School Facilities hardship grants to include school district assessment for environmental hazards under plan. In addition, the bill directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to develop recommendations regarding practices for reducing environmental conditions that may present health concerns, including developing information sheets concerning environmental conditions that may present health concerns.

This bill is anticipated to have a fiscal impact to the Department of Education, Oregon Health Authority, the Department of Environmental Quality, school districts, education service districts, and public charter schools. The amount of this impact is still being determined. A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required