

HB 2248 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Student Success

Meeting Dates: 2/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) provide grants to enable school districts to provide at least one teacher for every 15 kindergarten students. Establishes requirements for qualifying schools. Requires qualifying schools have full day kindergarten program, ninety percent at free and reduced lunch, and establishing classroom capacity. Allows school districts to apply for one or more schools in the district. Appropriates money from the General Fund beginning July 1, 2019. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon does not currently provide grants to school districts to maintain student teacher ratios in kindergarten classes.