

SB 828 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to distribute moneys from State School Fund to pay for study abroad programs for high school students in foster care. Establishes requirements for distribution. Establishes requirements for student eligibility, program expenses, and study abroad programs. Requires permission of case manager to participate in program. Establishes appeal process. Authorizes State Board of Education to adopt rules.

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:

In 2017, 11,645 Oregon children spent at least one day in foster care, including 3,143 children over the age of thirteen. The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) estimates that students in foster care represent approximately one percent of a statewide high school graduation cohort. The Department of Human Services (DHS) currently permits foster youth to participate in international study abroad programs. The foster care family must receive permission from DHS prior to enrolling the foster youth in the program.