

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2229

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Measure Description:

Requires school districts to provide instruction and drills on how to prepare for and survive after natural disaster.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education (ODE), Education Service Districts (ESD), School Districts

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis: The bill requires school districts to provide instruction and drills on how to prepare for and survive after natural disaster, directs Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to develop curriculum relating to earthquake and tsunami safety, and requires school districts to implement curriculum unless districts provide written notice to State Resilience Officer.

ODE does not have existing staff to develop this curriculum and would need to contract with an outside contractor to develop the curriculum. ODE estimates this cost at \$160,306 General Fund for a 12-month period. The contractor would develop webinars for School Districts, create a FAQ and ODE resource page, and train ODE staff to ensure an orderly transition.

School Districts and Education Service Districts report the cost of the bill is indeterminate because it is not clear how much time may be required for instructional time, who will develop additional curriculum for natural disasters outside of earthquakes and tsunamis, and the additional time that may be required for staff training.