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Measure Description:

Authorizes school nurse associated with school-based health center to engage in practice of telehealth.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education (ODE), Education Service Districts (ESD), Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN), School Districts, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
General Fund	\$950,000	\$950,000
Total Funds	\$950,000	\$950,000
Positions		
FTE		

Analysis: The measure requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to award grants to eligible school-based health center (SBHC) pilot projects to expand student access to mental and physical health care services and to improve the health and education outcomes of students through the use of telehealth. The measure also defines grant eligibility criteria and authorized use of grant funds, requires pilot project SBHCs to report to OHA on effectiveness of pilots, and requires OHA to establish a process to evaluate pilot projects on specified criteria. Appropriates \$950,000 General Fund to OHA for purposes of carrying out pilot project grants.

The Public Health Division of OHA would oversee the required evaluation for the pilot projects and award the funds to the selected SBHC project sites. Approximately \$200,000 General Fund of the \$950,000 General Fund appropriation would be used for contracted work to evaluate pilot projects. The remaining \$750,000 General fund would fund two or three pilot sites in the 2019-21 biennium.

The Oregon Department of Education, School Districts, Education Service Districts, and the Oregon State Board of Nursing anticipate a minimal fiscal impact.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the State's General Fund.