

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2444 A

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Education to coordinate with Oregon FFA Association to increase student achievement and improve college preparation and career placement for students enrolled in agricultural education courses.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education (ODE), School Districts

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 |
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| General Fund | \$2,030,000 | \$2,030,000 |
| Total Funds | \$2,030,000 | \$2,030,000 |

Analysis: HB 2444 -1 directs the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and the Oregon FFS Association to coordinate to increase student achievement and improve graduation rates, college preparation, and career placement for students enrolled in secondary agricultural courses. The bill also appropriates \$1.43 million General Fund to be expended for the Oregon FFA Association for a variety of activities including: (1) assist in enrolling each student registered in grades 9 through 12 school agricultural education program for a minimum of one course per school year of an approved agriculture, science and technology program of study as a member of the National FFA Organization, (2) provide support for leadership development and training, (3) coordinate at least 24 state-level competitive events, and (4) provide general and financial activities of the FFA programs. Another \$600,000 General Fund is appropriated for grants to school districts for extending duty contracts allowing personnel to manage approved agricultural sciences and technology programs during summer months between school years.

ODE believes the program related work for these grants can be absorbed with current resources. 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.

As long as the grants cover all costs, school districts do not anticipate a fiscal impact due the provisions of this bill. There may be a minimal fiscal impact due to reporting requirements and other associated payroll expenses.