

HB 5015

Department of Education

HB 5015 is the budget bill for the Oregon Department of Education. This agency provides technical assistance, funding, and oversight of programs relating to K-12 education, early learning, and youth development. The agency also is responsible for distributing the State School Fund and operating the School for the Deaf. The Education Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$3.0 billion total funds, with \$881.0 million General Fund and \$692,870 Lottery Funds. This represents a 6.7% General Fund increase over 2017-19.

Major features of this budget include:

- The recognition of the new Educator Advancement Council, which is charged with professional development of K-12 and early learning educators. Funding for the Council's programs is from the redirected Network for Quality Teaching and Learning funds.
- An increase of 42 positions for the Early Learning Division, of which 26 of the positions represent positions already approved by the Emergency Board in 2018. Most of the positions are related to the licensure, inspection, and investigations of child care providers.
- An increase in staff resources to address civil rights issues including training of district personnel and the continuation of the \$1.8 million Native American Curriculum project.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 5015 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.