

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 971 - A**

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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**Measure Description:**

Directs Department of Education to assist and support tribes.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Education (ODE)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

Fund Type	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
General Fund	\$900,000	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Analysis:**

The measure would appropriate \$900,000 General Fund to the Department of Education (ODE) in the 2019-21 biennium to assist and support each American Indian tribe of Oregon. ODE would be required to communicate with each American Indian tribe at least once every quarter regarding the needs and plans of each tribe and provide any needed assistance and support to the tribe, including collaboration in the development of a curriculum with Oregon educators, the establishment of a community forums, and the creation of learning spaces for the tribe. The measure would take effect upon its passage.

To communicate with the nine tribes of Oregon on a quarterly basis and develop a curriculum, ODE anticipates that it would need to contract with a third party, such as the Northwest Indian Language Institute. Such a contract would be funded by the appropriation in the measure. ODE anticipates the community forums and communications would take place at each tribal location at no cost to ODE. It is difficult to quantify how much it would cost ODE to implement the measure; that is, at least until the tribes outline their respective plans. Nevertheless, ODE anticipates that it would be able to implement the measure without any additional staff.

The warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its impact on the State’s General Fund.