

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 7: Oregon Department of Education Summer Learning Grant Programs**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Education Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative McLain

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The Education Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means acknowledge receipt of a report on the Department of Education’s Summer Learning Grant Program.

Early in the 2021 Session, the Legislature passed a \$250 million General Fund and \$21.2 million Federal Funds initiative to provide education, enrichment, and child care services to school aged children during the Summer of 2021. Over \$195 million was made available to school districts and charter schools on a formula basis to:

- Support high school students in credit recovery opportunities to stay on track for graduation;
- Provide summer enrichment activities, academic learning, readiness supports and social supports for K-8 students; and
- Provide wraparound child care for those K-5 students who participated in the enrichment programs.

Roughly half of the \$195 million General Fund is estimated to be unspent and be returned to the General Fund. The primary reasons for the unspent funding are the short time frame to stand up the programs and the lack of teaching and other staff for the programs. The report also included information on the programs’ demographics, grade level, populations served, and type of service.

Another \$12 million General Fund and \$11.2 million Federal Funds was allocated for expanding preschool and other early learning programs during the Summer including the Employment Related Daycare program. The agency estimates that all but \$3 million General Fund will be spent.

Finally, \$41.2 million General Fund was for a grant to the Oregon Community Foundation which distributed almost of this funding to over 550 community-based organizations to encourage engagement and participation with other students. All but a small amount of these funds were spent.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.