

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

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Legislative Fiscal Office

**Measure: SB 478 A**

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**Measure Description:**

Directs Department of Education to conduct study related to identification of talented and gifted children and to report results of study to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to education.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

School Districts, Department of Education (ODE)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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

**Analysis:** The measure directs school districts to use inclusive methods for identifying talented and gifted children. The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) states that they must conduct trainings for school districts on this practice. ODE says they would conduct the trainings in Education Service Districts (ESDs) and would likely occur in the Malheur ESD, Intermountain ESD, High Desert ESD, Willamette ESD, and Southern Oregon ESD.

Under this plan ODE would cover the cost of facility rentals, meals, and travel reimbursement and accommodations for two ODE staff. In addition, ODE would pay for the meals, travel reimbursement, accommodations, and, if applicable, substitute teachers. Each training would serve between 55 and 120 educators depending upon the region. ODE estimates the cost of these training sessions would be \$35,509 per session for a total of \$177,547 General Fund.

A possible alternative would be to provide the trainings on-line saving a significant amount of the costs due to travel and lodging. Costs of providing substitute teachers would still be needed but would likely be less since the school staff would not be traveling. The agency is concerned on-line training would not be as effective.

The State Board of Education will be responsible for adopting rules to support school districts with this process.