FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Establishes Racial Equity and Justice Student Council.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Department of Education (ODE)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium
General Fund	\$342,332	\$360,962
Total Funds	\$342,332	\$360,962
Positions	2	2
FTE	1.38	1.50

Analysis: The measure creates the Racial Equity and Justice Student Collaborative including duties and membership requirements. The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is required to staff and support the council, establish a work group to establish processes and identify potential members of the Collaborative and work with the Governor to establish the council. ODE, school districts and the workgroup are also to ensure the student members have access to:

- Adult Mentors
- Counseling support
- Mental health support
- Tutoring
- Student membership opportunities
- Travel reimbursements for adults assisting in the transportation of members.

The work group must meet no later than October 1, 2021 and the Collaborative must be appointed by April 30, 2022. The collaborative, with support from ODE, shall take into consideration racial equity and justice and align with other statewide efforts for racial justice.

The measure has a blank General Fund appropriation.

To staff the workgroup and the Collaborative, ODE estimate they will need one Operations and Policy Analyst 4 (0.92 FTE) to manage projects associated with drafting legislative reports, coordinating ODE staff in response to council requests, and conducting policy research and analysis. ODE will also need one part-time Administrative Specialist 1 (0.46 FTE) to provide scheduling support, travel reimbursements, and research assistance. These staffing and related costs are represented in the table above. Other costs such as travel reimbursement for Collaborative members are not included and are assumed to be from the blank appropriation included in the bill. It should be noted that school districts may also have costs associated with the requirement that they provide counseling and tutoring services to Collaborative student members. These costs are indeterminate at this time.

There is no fiscal impact to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission or Universities.