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Measure: HB 4026

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Education to award grants to wildfire-impacted school districts in amounts to cover funding decreases resulting from decreases in district average daily membership, as compared to 2019-2020 school year, that are caused by wildfires.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education (ODE), School Districts

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
Other Funds	25,000,000	
Total Funds	\$25,000,000	\$0

Analysis: The measure directs the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to award grants to school districts impacted by the 2020 wildfires in amounts to cover decreases in funding resulting from decreases in the district average daily membership, as compared to 2019-2020 school year, that is caused by wildfires. The bill will sunset on July 1, 2025. This establishes the School Stabilization Subaccount for Wildfire-impacted School Districts with the purpose of awarding grants.

The measure will be funded by a one-time \$25 million Other Funds transfer from the Statewide Education initiatives Account (SEIA) to provide distributions to qualified grantees. Actual distributions will depend upon the timing of approved and completed projects. The State Board of Education will be responsible for writing the criteria for approving grants. The grants are intended to replace average daily weighted membership (ADMw) for school districts affected and are intended to provide resources to assist school districts in the communities to be restored affected by the 2020 wildfires.

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