

## SB 633 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Education

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to establish program to provide services through regional centers for special education. Establishes eligibility requirements for participation. Requires participating entities to be nonprofit organization operating in large metropolitan area operating for at least five years, a school district or education service district in a rural area, and a school district or education service district in a different geographic area. Requires ODE to establish timelines for application. Requires participating entities to serve all children in Oregon regardless of residency. Establishes service provision and reporting requirements. Establishes accounting requirements for grant funds. Requires ODE to provide technical assistance, including assistance with Medicaid billing. Establishes administrative oversight and reporting requirements. Appropriates \$9.9 million General Fund. Declares emergency, takes effect July 1, 2023.

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.*

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Education currently operates a system of Regional Inclusive Services that works with school districts, early childhood programs, families, and community-based organizations to provide special education supports for children experiencing the following types of disabilities:

- deafness or hard of hearing;
- visual impairments;
- autism spectrum disorders;
- orthopedic impairments;
- deafblindness; and
- traumatic brain injuries.

Senate Bill 53 (2021) required ODE to conduct a study on special education programs provided on a local, county, or regional basis. ODE issued that [report](#) in April, 2022. The report outlined recommendations relating to eligibility, service provision, staffing, and funding. Senate Bill 633 establishes a regional pilot program for special education services.