

HB 3595 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to administer Youth Corrections Education Program (YCEP) and Juvenile Detention Education Program in manner that provides youths with quality education. Allows Superintendent of Public Instruction to contract with education service district (ESD) to provide teachers, counselors, or other personnel. Prohibits YCEP and JDEP programs from being considered component districts of ESD. Establishes funding considerations. Establishes Juvenile Justice Education Fund (JJEF) and requires ODE to use moneys from JJEF for paying contracts. Requires ODE to prepare a target funding level for YCEP and JDEP by August 31 of each even-numbered year. Establishes requirements for calculating target funding level. Allows ODE to transfer moneys from Statewide Education Initiatives Account to JJEF if amount available is insufficient to cover costs. Requires ODE to inform Legislative Assembly or Emergency Board of insufficient funding. Establishes reporting requirements. Adds funding for YCEP and JDEP to allowable uses of Statewide Education Initiatives Account.

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:

-1 Modifies consultation requirements for State Board of Education to adopt rules. Modifies provisions relating to target funding level for JJEF. Requires report to Legislative Assembly and Office of Governor by August 31 of each even-numbered year explaining the target funding level calculation.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law establishes two educational programs for incarcerated youth: the Youth Corrections Education Program (YCEP) is responsible for students in the custody of the Oregon Youth Authority, and the Juvenile Detention Education Program (JDEP) is responsible for students in local detention facilities. Currently, these programs are funded via an average daily membership formula. However, due to declines over the last several decades in the number of incarcerated youth, this model of funding no longer provides sufficient resources for local sites to be able to staff their classrooms with sufficient numbers of licensed educators. House Bill 3595 requires the Oregon Department of Education to establish a target funding amount for the YCEP and JDEP programs and allows the use of funds from the Statewide Education Initiatives Account to supplement funding from the State School Fund in order to meet that target.