

HB 3236 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds funding for regional career and technical education programs provided in partnership with an education service district or multiple school districts to allowable uses for Statewide Education Initiatives Account. Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to expend \$2.85 million to provide funding for the Willamette Career Academy for the 2023-2025 biennium. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Benefits of program
- Instruction provided at Willamette Career Academy
- Experiences of students

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure. Appropriates \$2.85 million for the Willamette Career Academy. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

BACKGROUND:

The Statewide Education Initiatives Account (SEIA) was created by passage of the Student Success Act (House Bill 3427) in 2019. SEIA is funded by the state's corporate activity tax, with up to 30 percent of the amount collected directed toward statewide initiatives. SEIA is designed to fund statewide education priorities. Initially, the budget report for House Bill 3427 contained detail about programs funded through the SEIA. Funding for those programs continued into the current biennium.

The Willamette Career Academy (WCA) is operated by the Willamette Education Service District and serves students in Marion, Polk, and Yamhill counties. WCA offers six programs: cosmetology, diesel technology, health services, construction technology, manufacturing, and information technology. Willamette ESD partners with Mountain West Investment Corporation to operate WCA. Industry partners in offering the program include the Pape group, Freres Lumber Co., and Salem Health.

House Bill 3236 adds regional career and technical education programs as an allowable use for the Statewide Education Initiatives Account and appropriates \$2.85 million from the SEIA to Willamette Career Academy.