SB 1034 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Department of Education to transfer certain amount to the Oregon Military Department from the State School Fund (SSF) for the purpose of paying costs of educational services provided through programs operated by the military department for at-risk youth. First applies to the 2023-24 SSF distributions.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History and current status of the Oregon Youth Challenge Program for at risk youths
- Success stories of graduates and current students
- Current funding methods for the program and federal matching grant
- Fluctuations of enrollment and need for certainty of state funds availability

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The measure directs that each biennium the Oregon Department of Education transfer from the State School Fund (SSF) to the Oregon Military Department, the amount necessary to pay for educational services provided through programs operated by the military department for at-risk youth that are outstanding after the receipt of any federal funds and General Fund (GF) appropriations. The transfer amount is not set in the measure and is expected to vary each biennium.

The new carve-out will ensure a matching federal grant, but the transfer amount from the SSF is not set in the measure and is expected to vary each biennium. However, this carve-out does not add to or subtract from the formula revenue available for distribution to school districts and education service districts.