SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 1034

Relating to the payment of costs for educational services provided by programs operated by the military

To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Public Safety Subcommittee

Carrier: Representative Evans

SB 1034 directs the Oregon Department of Education to transfer the necessary funds from the State School Fund to the Oregon Military Department each biennium to support educational services provided through at-risk youth programs operated by the Department.

This change is intended to provide a stable revenue source for the Oregon Youth Challenge Program. Previously funding was provided through the Average Daily Membership calculation as part of the Bend-LaPine school district, however after the COVID-19 pandemic severely impacted the calculation and reduced available state matching funds, the National Guard Bureau determined a more stable revenue source should be used for match.

The -2 amendment makes a technical fix to change the order in which funds are received because this is a federal-reimbursement program and state funds must be spent prior to receipt of federal funds. The Oregon Military Department's budget bill, HB 5031, assumes passage of this measure and provides for the continued funding of the Oregon Youth Challenge Program.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends SB 1034 be amended by the -2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.