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To: Education Subcommittee

From: Julie Neburka, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: February 26, 2024

Subject: HB 4084 – Relating to the education of foster children
Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 4084 directs ODE to establish a pilot program to provide support for foster child students to improve their educational outcomes. Under the pilot program, ODE must select and provide grants to three public middle or high schools in Oregon with an emphasis on geographic diversity. A selected school must ensure that foster child students are provided access to an educational advocate who will provide guidance and support for educational purposes. The pilot program grants will be funded from ODE's SEIA budget and the grants must be distributed by July 1, 2024. The measure requires ODE to provide two summary reports on the outcomes of the pilot program: one by September 15, 2025, summarizing the progress on the development and administration of the pilot program, and a second no later than September 15, 2027, documenting any changes in the educational outcomes of foster child students who participated in the pilot program. The second report may provide recommendations for a statewide education plan related to foster child students.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the –2 amendment, which provides a total of \$580,942 Other Funds to the Department of Education to implement the measure. \$130,942 Other Funds expenditure limitation is provided for one limited-duration position (0.50 FTE) to administer the pilot program and write reports; and \$450,000 Other Funds expenditure limitation is provided to make a \$150,000 grant to each of the three schools in the pilot program. The source of Other Funds is the Statewide Education Initiatives Account in the Fund for Student Success.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –2 amendment to HB 4084. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 4084, as amended by the –2 amendment, be moved to the Ways and

Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 4084, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____