

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **HB 4084**

#### **Relating to the education of foster children**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Education Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative McLain

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HB 4084 directs the Department of Education to establish a pilot program to provide support for foster child students to improve their educational outcomes. The pilot program will provide grants to three public middle or high schools in Oregon. These grants will be used by those schools to ensure that foster child students are provided access to an education advocate, who will provide support and guidance for educational purposes. Grants must be awarded by July 1, 2024.

The bill requires two reports on the educational outcomes of students participating in the pilot program. The second report may provide recommendations for a statewide education plan related to foster child students.

The –2 amendment provides a total of \$580,942 Other Funds to the Department of Education to implement the measure. \$130,942 will fund one limited-duration position (0.50 FTE) to administer the pilot program and write reports; and \$450,000 is for the Department 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.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 4084 be amended by the –2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.