Senate Bill 1535
Sponsored by Senator ROBINSON (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY
The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Allows school districts to use students for work in district. (Flesch Readability Score: 78.2).

Authorizes district school boards to establish a policy to encourage students to develop vocational skills by performing maintenance tasks for school districts.

A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to the development of student vocational skills.

Whereas Oregon students are graduating without many basic work skills; and
Whereas Oregon schools employ many professionals who do work that could be done by students; and
Whereas there is a need to allow for opportunities for students to develop vocational skills; now, therefore,
Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2024 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 332.

SECTION 2. (1) A district school board may establish a policy to encourage students of the school district to develop vocational skills by performing maintenance tasks at a building or on other property under the control of the school district.

(2) A policy established under subsection (1) of this section must:
(a) Allow students to develop vocational skills as part of a work experience or career exploration program or as part of a work-study program;
(b) Attempt to save money for the school district; and
(c) Encourage students to experience a wide range of work opportunities and develop a wide range of vocational skills.