

## HB 2007 A -A4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure modifies the Oregon Department of Education's summer learning program to focus on improving reading proficiency. It declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

#### Detailed Summary

- Removes existing eligibility criteria and instead requires programs to prioritize the improvement of academic outcomes and incorporate evidence-based literacy instruction for students who are below grade level as well as using learning strategies that align with content standards and are focused on evidence-based literacy, mathematics, science, or language arts and those that assist with credit recovery.
- Allows summer learning programs to include enrichment activities if the activities are designed to improve academic outcomes and are combined with evidence-based interventions.
- Expands eligible grantees to include federally recognized Indian Tribes.
- Narrows the documentation that can be submitted as part of an application to an early literacy success plan or a plan developed under the High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Act.
- Requires grantees to identify assessments used to determine the effectiveness of the program.
- Requires grantees to document the budget of the proposed summer learning program.
- Adds public charter schools, institutions of higher education, and nonprofit entities as eligible partners to provide a summer learning program.
- Establishes eligible partners for grant applicants to include public charter schools, institutions of higher education, federally recognized Indian tribes, community based organizations, or nonprofit entities that have demonstrated an ability to assist in literacy instruction and activities, as determined by the applicant.
- Directs ODE to prioritize applicants that submit a plan to use research-aligned literacy strategies and have the lowest rates of reading proficiency, and have focused interventions for students who do not meet grade-level benchmarks.
- Allows grant funds to be used for snacks and meals only when those are not provided through federal programs.
- Allows grant funds to be used for the administrative expenses of a partner organization.
- Reduces the amount of grants that can be withheld for administrative expenses from 10 percent to 5 percent for grantees that have entered into partnerships, and excludes from that calculation costs of transportation. Allows withholding of 10 percent for grantees that have not entered into partnerships.
- Modifies reporting requirements to include information on efficacy and budgeting.
- Appropriates an unspecified amount from the General Fund.
- Declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A4 The amendment removes a blank General Fund appropriation and creates the Summer Learning Grant Program Fund in the Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The monies deposited in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Education for purposes of issuing Summer Learning grants.

#### BACKGROUND:

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The Legislative Assembly enacted one-time appropriations for summer learning programs in 2021, 2022, and 2024:

- [SB 5006 \(2021\)](#) - \$250 million for summer programs in 2021
- [HB 5202 \(2022\)](#) - \$150 million for summer programs in 2022
- [HB 4082\(2024\)](#) - \$30.6 million for summer programs in 2024

In 2024, the grants were distributed with a focus on historically underserved students and prioritized collaboration with community-based organizations and Tribal governments. The program established in 2024 focused on academic enrichment. The Oregon Department of Education issued a [final report](#) on the use of funds allocated by House Bill 4082, as well as an [implementation analysis report](#) that lists 71 school, district, or ESD grantees.

According to data from the [Oregon Department of Education](#), 39 percent of third graders in Oregon were proficient in English Language Arts in the 2023-2024 school year. In 2023, [House Bill 3198](#) established the Early Literacy Success Initiative, the Birth Through Five Literacy Plan, and the Early Literacy Success Community Grant Program.