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Bill Title: Relating to participatory budgeting when preparing a school district budget; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Education, School Districts

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Education	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000	3	1.25
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000	3	1.25

2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Education	\$ 261,724	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 261,724	2	1.00
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 261,724	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 261,724	2	1.00

Measure Description

The measure directs the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to establish and administer a pilot program that provides for participatory budgeting in the preparation of a school district’s budget. Under the pilot program, grants shall be awarded to public schools in Oregon that recruit and train students to participate in participatory budgeting and maximize the shared decision-making among students, teachers, and administrators. ODE may contract with a third-party organization to provide grant management. ODE shall submit various reports on the pilot program to interim legislative committees related to education. The measure appropriates \$500,000 General Fund to ODE in the 2025-27 biennium to carry out the proposed pilot program.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure is \$500,000 General Fund and three positions (1.25 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium; and \$261,724 General Fund and two positions (1.00 FTE) in the 2027-29 biennium.

To implement and administer the proposed pilot program, ODE will need three part-time, limited duration positions (1.25 FTE), including one Program Analyst 4 position to establish the pilot program and develop an application process, and any needed reporting or monitoring; one Fiscal Analyst 1 position to determine appropriate grant award amounts and establish expenditure reporting for grant recipients; and one Project Manager 2 position to oversee the implementation of the pilot program. The estimated cost of these positions, including position-related services and supplies, \$346,808 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium and \$261,724 General Fund in the 2027-29 biennium. The Project Manager 2 will be phased out at the end of the 2025-27 biennium. It should also be noted that any unused funds from the \$500,000 General Fund appropriation will revert to the General Fund for general governmental purposes at the end of the 2025-27 biennium.

The measure is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact on school districts, as school districts are not required to participate in the proposed pilot program. For those school districts that receive grant awards, the process of engaging and training students in participatory budgeting may have an administrative impact on school districts, depending on the level of interest among students.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

ODE must first award a grant under the proposed pilot program by October 1, 2026. The pilot program sunsets on January 2, 2030.

The measure requires ODE to submit various reports to the Legislature, including a progress report by September 15, 2027, and a final report by September 15, 2029.