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“Prohibits Teaching Public School Student In Language Other Than English For More Than Two Years”

(FE) Explanatory Statement:

This proposal mandates a new requirement that all non-English speaking students be “immersed in English” for a limited amount of time. Federal law requires that students continue to make satisfactory academic progress each year. To meet the requirements of both the measure and federal law will require more staff and resources in public schools. The following additional resources would be needed:

- One additional teacher and one additional instructional assistant in each typical elementary school.
- One additional teacher and one additional instructional assistant in each typical middle school.
- Two additional teachers and two additional instructional assistants in each typical high school.
- Additional teaching materials to support English immersion programs – the equivalent of a 10 percent increase in teaching materials.
- Tutoring and/or after school programs for all English Language Learner students in the state (about 13 percent of all students) to help them keep up with their classes in other subjects.
- Four weeks of summer school for English Language Learner students who have fallen behind in other subjects.
- An additional day of professional development for all teachers to learn techniques for assisting English Language Learner students in English-only classrooms.

The cost of these additional resources would be \$253 million in each of the first two years.

Arizona Experience

Arizona required English immersion programs for public school students starting in 2006. While the implementation cost estimates vary from district to district, the Arizona School Administrators Association estimated the average additional statewide cost to be \$2,741 per student per year. If Oregon schools spent a similar amount on 74,000 English Language Learner students, an English immersion program in Oregon would cost approximately \$203 million each of the first two school years.

Certification:

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that, pursuant to ORS 250.125 (6), we have prepared the statement described under "Explanatory Statement."

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