

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – ADMINISTRATIVE RULE SUMMARY**OAR # & Title:** Temporary Rule: Definitions / OAR 581-017-0301

Temporary Rule: Fiscal Agent for CTE and STEM grants / OAR 581-017-0302

Temporary Rule: STEM Hub Grants / OAR 581-017-0306 to 0318

Date: September 17, 2015**Staff/Office:** Laura Roach, Office of Learning (Secondary/Post-Secondary Transitions)

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 New Rule **Amend Existing Rule** **Repeal Rule****Hearing Date:** _____ **Hearings Officer Report Attached****Prompted by:** **State law changes** **Federal law changes** **Other****Action Requested:** **First Reading/Second Reading** **Adoption** **Adoption/Consent Agenda**

PROPOSED/AMENDED RULE SUMMARY: Revises the existing rules on STEM Hub grants to align with new requirements in HB 3072 (2015) and creates a new rule specifying what entities can be a fiscal agent for CTE and STEM grants.

BACKGROUND:

HB 3072 (2015) is the CTE/STEM framework bill. HB 3072 made changes to the existing STEM Hub grants, and those changes required rule changes. In addition, based on experience administering the grant in the 2013-15 biennium, ODE staff determined that additional changes were necessary.

Definitions / OAR 581-017-0301:

- HB 3072 includes Education Service Districts. It was therefore necessary to add a definition of education service district or ESD.

Fiscal Agent for CTE and STEM grants / OAR 581-017-0302:

- In the last biennium, when the STEM Hubs were part of the Strategic Initiatives, it was possible for a grant to be awarded to a nonprofit. HB 3072 provides that only the following entities may be fiscal agents for the STEM and CTE grants: school districts, education service districts, public schools, public charter schools, community colleges, and public universities. This rule clearly specifies the fiscal agents that are identified in HB 3072.

STEM Hub Grants / OAR 581-017-0306 to 0318:

- ESJs and the nine federally recognized Native American Tribes in Oregon are added to the list of possible Hub partners.
- The biggest structural change is in 581-017-0312 and 581-017-0315. In the 2013-15 biennium, the grants were structured as one award that was paid out in phases. Based on experience in the 2013-15 biennium, and a desire to strengthen the administrative support for the STEM Hubs, the grants are now broken into two separate grants – one for operations support and one for program support.
- The reporting section, 581-017-0318, was amended to include the legislative report that is required by HB 3072.

ISSUES/CONCERNS THAT SURFACED DURING RULE WORK:

None.

CHANGED SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING? (so members can focus on what's different)

- N/A; first read—hasn't been before board
- No; same as last month
- Yes – As follows:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

- Adopt administrative rule as prepared this month
- Adopt administrative rule next month
- No recommendation at this time (rarely used)

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact as a result of these rules.

EFFECT OF ADOPTING STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: ODE will have the necessary rules in place to go forward with administering the STEM hubs grant.

EFFECT OF NOT ADOPTING STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: ODE would like to release the RFPs in late September. If these rules are not adopted at the September Board meeting, ODE will not be able to release the STEM Hubs grant RFP until other rules are adopted.

COMMENTS: