

*Governor's Recommended Budget

Source: Legislative Revenue Office

Education's share of the state general fund and lottery budget has steadily declined

The share of Oregon's state general fund and lottery budget allocated to education has declined steadily since 2003-05. The governor's proposed 2013-15 budget continues that trend.

Under the governor's proposal, K-12 is slated to receive about the same amount of funding in 2013-15 as in 2007-09. Although the \$6.15 billion allocation for 2013-15 amounts to a \$400 million increase, it barely covers the higher PERS costs projected for the next biennium, and doesn't address other rising costs.

PERS relief would help, but, at this funding level, schools would still face some combination of budget cuts, including teacher layoffs and other staff reductions, increased class sizes, fewer school days, and fewer programs and electives.