

Editor's Note: A revamp of some of Oregon's most-established money procedures has been suggested in a report by the legislature's own fiscal officer.

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SALEM (UPI) — The Oregon Legislature is dealing with make-believe figures when it makes its biggest appropriation of all, according to the legislative fiscal officer.

The legislature appropriated \$115 per census child to the Basic School Fund for local schools during the 1961-62 school year.

Actually, for a real child going to public school that year, the Hermiston School District received \$199.62 from the Basic School Fund.

The Pendleton School District, just 27 miles away in the same county, received \$124.11 from the same fund for a similar child.

Legislative fiscal officer Kenneth Bragg says it may be time for the legislature to stop dealing out school money blind.

He says the legislature may want to take public school financing matters into its own hands as explicitly as it has the rest of the state's money matters.

governor wants to include educational television.

About 94 per cent that is left goes to schools, but not on a per-census-child basis.

For one thing, the census formula counts children between 4 and 20. Most children going to school are between 6 and 17. Of these, many are in parochial schools. Thus there are fewer children, or more money per actual public school child.

Small sums go to districts on the basis of growth and transportation needs.

More For Special Programs
Districts with special programs for handicapped, gifted, migrant, and retarded children get special help.

Of the bulk of the money that is left, 80 per cent goes to the districts on a "per weighted pupil" basis. That means per pupil, except a little more is added for high school students.

Then 20 per cent goes for equalization, to make sure each child gets an equal educational opportunity. Equalization is based on the true cash value of property in each district.

In other words, the poorer districts get more than the richer ones.

to put the whole thing in terms of Hermiston and Pendleton, each gets \$104.63 in flat per pupil grants.

But Pendleton, with true cash value of property at \$29,613 per pupil, gets no equalization, while poorer Hermiston, with true cash value of \$10,896 per pupil, gets \$82.79 per pupil in equalization.

Pendleton gets \$6.64 per pupil for special programs for the gifted, mentally retarded and curriculum improvement. Hermiston gets only \$0.96 for the handicapped and curriculum improvement.

Pendleton gets \$13.12 for transportation and \$6.36 for growth. Hermiston gets \$16.65 and \$1.95. Bragg suggests that the legisla-

ture abolish the Basic School Fund.

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Nine Tricks Discovered

By OSWALD JACOBY
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New York's Card School points out that with 37 points and a balanced hand, South has a normal opening no-trump bid, and North should raise to three.

West opens the four of hearts. He should lead fourth best at no-trump from a suit headed by queen-jack-small. South must take nine tricks. Normally with 29 points and all suits stopped, South should have no trouble making three no-trump. Yet, West has made the best opening lead and South can only count on eight tricks in top cards. Still, there are ways to make that ninth trick. Spades might break three-queen, or south can finesse the queen of clubs. He has a one-way finesse against the queen of diamonds. As last resort he can bring out high cards and hope for the best.

However, he has an absolute surefire place for his contract and should accept it.

South holds off twice in hearts, but must win the third lead of the suit. East will probably discard a low diamond, but all South is interested in is that East is out of hearts. Therefore, South can give East the lead without fear that he will be able to do anything about the two good hearts in the West hand.

Hence, South lays down the king of clubs, continues with the five and finesses dummy's ten. East is in with the queen and can lead anything he wishes, but South now has a third club trick to add to the eight tricks he started with.

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