

SB 55 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Office of School Facilities to administer a statewide facilities assessment program. Reduces the amount of funding allocated to facility grants from the State School Fund from \$7 million to \$3 million. Increases the amount of money from the State School Fund allocated to the Department of Education for expenses for the Office of School Facilities from \$6 million to \$10 million. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Deferred maintenance
- Condition of schools in Oregon
- Existing information on school buildings

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Office of School Facilities (OSF) was established in 2015 with passage of Senate Bill 447. The OSF is responsible for maintaining a statewide school facilities database, distributing grants to districts, providing technical assistance, and assisting with the prioritization of capital improvements. Senate Bill 55 adds a statewide facilities assessment program to OSF's responsibilities, increases its administrative funding by \$4 million, and decreases the amount allocated to facility grants by \$4 million.