

74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee on Education & General Government

CORRECTED
MEASURE: SB 462 A
CARRIER: Sen. Kruse

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Westlund, Walker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Dana Richardson, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	4/24, 4/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Superintendent of Public Instruction to issue fact-finding report on division of South Umpqua School District No. 19 on or before October 31, 2007. Provides for selection and duties of designated fact-finder. Requires report to order district boundary board to submit question of dividing school district to school district electors, recommend conversion of new school to public charter school, or recommend alternative operation of new school. Requires district boundary board to proceed with division if majority of votes cast in election approve. Provides for appointment of initial board of directors of new district. Requires contributions for costs of administering statute. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Source of revenue for new district
- Tribal foundation contributions to area schools
- Distance between Canyonville and Myrtle Creek
- Number of Canyonville seats on School Board
- Number of students enrolled at nearby charter school since school closure
- Creation of new charter school district
- Prior agreement on area school consolidation
- Statutory provisions to combine but not divide school districts
- Template for future division of school districts

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Current law does not allow school districts to divide. This bill stems from the South Umpqua school district closure of the middle school in Canyonville last spring. The closure was opposed by some residents. Since the closure, some Canyonville sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students have been transported to Coffenberry Middle School in Myrtle Creek while other students chose to go to the Days Creek Charter School.

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