## 74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session MEASURE: CARRIER:

**Senate Committee on Education & General Government** 

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact **FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Westlund, Walker

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/10, 4/19

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Provides for staggered termination of service for pilot education service district board members. Extends legislative reporting requirement. Allows appointed board member to promote or oppose candidates or political measure in same manner as elected board members until 2012. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

SB 755 A

Sen. Kruse

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Transition to staggered terms
- Time at which changes to quorum requirements are needed
- Importance of board members being able to speak to public measures
- Whether changes should be made now or during the next legislative session
- Certainty in terms of office

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Removes provisions in the bill specifying quorum for pilot education service district board and permitting recall of pilot education service district board member.

**BACKGROUND:** The 2005 Legislature passed House Bill 3184 requiring reforms to education service district (ESD) funding and governance. High Desert ESD, Willamette ESD, and Northwest Regional ESD were selected to pilot the governance reform portion of the new law which entailed modifying each ESD's board membership. Each ESD was divided into regions with zones of approximately equal population that did not cross district boundaries. From each of these zones, each school district board within the zone had one vote to cast for representation on the newly-constituted ESD board. That process produced five ESD board members who took office July 2006. These members, in turn, appointed one board member from each of the following regional groups: higher education, social services, the business community, and one at-large member. The appointees took office in August 2006. The result was a new nine-member ESD boards whose terms all expire on June 30, 2010.