

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Clem, Dallum, Greenlick, Komp, Krummel, Lim, Roblan, Whisnant, Buckley
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Derrick Olsen, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	5/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs component school districts of the Northwest Regional education service district (ESD) to elect replacement elected directors and appoint replacement appointed directors prior to the end of term of office of these directors. Directs that the three pilot ESDs should report to the legislature biennially of each even numbered year. Directs that the division of the three pilot ESDs into a minimum of seven zones, or up to eleven zones, must be done for the Willamette ESD and High Desert ESD prior to February 1, 2010, and for the Northwest Regional ESD prior to February 1, 2012. Provides for a staggered termination of service for Northwest Regional ESD board members beginning in 2008 and ending in 2012. Extends the duration of the Northwest Regional ESD pilot from 2010 to 2012. Allows appointed board member to promote or oppose candidates or political measure as individuals in same manner as elected board members as individuals until 2012. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Desire for staggered termination of service for Northwest Regional ESD board members
- Pilot ESD governance issue and consensus amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: The amendment replaces Section 1 and Section 2 of the bill.

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 new nine-member ESD boards whose terms all expire on June 30, 2010.

The Senate Education and General Government Committee gave SB 755-A a Do Pass as Amended recommendation with a 5-0 vote, and it passed the Senate 30-0.