

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	7 - 2 - 0
Yeas:	Clem, Komp, Krummel, Lim, Roblan, Whisnant, Buckley
Nays:	Dallum, Greenlick
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Derrick Olsen, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	5/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs State Board of Education to adopt by rule process that school district must follow to resolve complaints. Specifies requirements for process. Allows person to appeal district decision to Superintendent of Public Instruction. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- School district complaint process, time delays, and differences between school districts
- Oregon Administrative Rules dealing with school district complaint process
- Statute vs. administrative rule
- Ongoing legal dispute between Portland parents, Portland Public Schools, and Department of Education

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-022-1940 requires school districts to implement a complaint process for any person who resides in the district or any parent or guardian of a child attending a school in the district. A complaint may be appealed to the Superintendent of Public Instruction after exhausting local procedures or 45 days after the original complaint is filed with the school district, whichever occurs first.

The Senate Education and General Government Committee gave SB 779-A a Do Pass as Amended recommendation with a 5-0 vote, and it passed the Senate 20-7-3.