

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted
Vote: 4 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Walker
Nays: 0
Exc.: Westlund
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Meeting Dates: 4/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges Congress to amend No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 to provide for waiver and adequate federal funding.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Local control of schools
- States that have opted out of No Child Left Behind

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: On January 8, 2002, President George Bush signed into law the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*. The Act redefined the federal role in K-12 education with the aim to close the achievement gap between disadvantaged and minority students and their peers. This bill urges Congress to adequately fund this program.

Declining tax revenues in Oregon have resulted in reductions in funding for most state programs, including state funding for K-12 education. Many Oregon school districts have been forced to reduce the number of classroom days in the school year, eliminate extracurricular activities, increase classroom size, and lay off teachers and other staff.