A-Engrossed Senate Bill 242

Ordered by the Senate March 6 Including Senate Amendments dated March 6

Sponsored by Senator DEVLIN; Senator WALKER (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Requires school districts to consider including safety improvements that create safer routes to schools as part of large construction projects.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to school districts.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "large construction project" means a project for which a school district must submit the question of bonded indebtedness to the electors of the school district and the total bonded indebtedness for the project is greater than \$1 million.

- (2) Prior to receiving approval from the electors of the school district for bonded indebtedness for a large construction project, a school district shall:
- (a) Evaluate the need for safety improvements within one mile of an elementary school or 1.5 miles of a secondary school where the large construction project is to be completed. The safety improvements should provide safer alternative routes to schools and may include improvements for pedestrians, bicycles and motor vehicles.
- (b) Evaluate the potential for joint funding of safety improvements with other public and private entities.
- (c) Consider including the funding of safety improvements within the funding of the large construction project. The consideration of and the school district board's decision on the funding for safety improvements as part of a large construction project shall be part of the public record relating to the project.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> Section 1 of this 2007 Act applies to large construction projects that receive approval from the electors of the school district for bonded indebtedness for the project on or after the effective date of this 2007 Act.

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