

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action: Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules by Prior Reference

Vote: 8 - 0 - 2

Yeas: Dembrow, Harker, Maurer, Roblan, Sprenger, Thatcher, VanOrman, Gelser

Nays: 0

Exc.: Huffman, Komp

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Meeting Dates: 2/18, 3/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts from the definition of “gift”, for purposes of ethics laws, the following sums paid to a public school teacher: 1) expenses for providing extracurricular educational services, tutoring or coaching; 2) expenses for accompanying students on an educational trip; or 3) expenses from an institution of higher education for the supervision of student teachers who are enrolled in a teacher education program at the institution if the supervision is performed concurrently with the school teacher’s duties for a school district. Provides that the exemption found in the measure applies to expenses paid for activities occurring on or after the effective date of the bill.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Teachers’ costs associated with accompanying students on overnight field trips
- Ethical concerns regarding teachers helping students with extracurricular activities
- Impact of restrictions on educational travel providers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The exemption found in this bill was not included in ethics reform legislation enacted during the 2007 Legislative Session. This measure exempts from the definition of gift those sums paid to public school teachers related to extracurricular activities, coaching and tutoring.