

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Bonamici, Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Hass

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/20, 4/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits District Best Business Practices Advisory Committee to audit and evaluate business practices of districts. Permits committee to contract with Secretary of State to conduct audits and private entities for evaluations.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Funding for audits and evaluations
- Voluntary nature of audits
- Scope of audits and evaluations
- Statutory requirement to complete financial audits

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3141 (2007) established the District Best Business Practices Advisory Committee to advise the Department of Education in developing a system for auditing the business practices of school districts. It provided \$800,000 from the State School Fund to the department for this purpose. Audits have been conducted on a voluntary basis through a contract with the Secretary of State.