

**75TH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY  
SENATE FINANCE AND REVENUE COMMITTEE**

**MEASURE: SB 976  
CARRIER: Sen. Hass**

**REVENUE: Revenue Impact Issued  
FISCAL: No Fiscal Impact**

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 4-1-0  
**Yeas:** Hass, Morse, Telfer, Burdick  
**Nays:** Rosenbaum  
**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/21, 6/1

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**WHAT THE BILL DOES:** Requires the Department of Education to grant a 10<sup>th</sup> grade assessment waiver to eligible school districts that request a waiver. Allows a school district with a waiver to contract with a testing entity different from that used by the Department. Makes a district eligible for waiver if the district had a contract in 2007-08 with their entity and meets other criteria. Requires the Department to reimburse the waiver district for assessment costs out of the \$550,000 from the State School Fund that is otherwise allocated to ESDs.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Use of alternative assessment test by school districts
- Avoiding students taking multiple assessment tests
- Continual use of same test for comparison purposes
- Competition between test providers

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:**

None.

**BACKGROUND:**

Legislation in the 2008 special session granted district waiver authority for 2008-09 without any specific funding.