

# House Bill 3357

Sponsored by Representatives HARKER, READ

## SUMMARY

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Requires public schools to meet high environmental standards for design and construction of buildings or renovations to buildings.

Establishes Healthy School Buildings Fund for purpose of providing funding to school districts to offset additional costs of meeting high environmental standards. Continuously appropriates monies in fund to State Department of Energy for distribution to school districts.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to environmental standards for educational buildings; and appropriating money.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) A district school board shall ensure that all kindergarten through grade 12 public schools in the school district meet high environmental standards for the design and construction of:**

**(a) New buildings or additions to existing buildings; and**

**(b) Building renovations that have a budgeted cost that is 50 percent or more than the assessed value of the building before the renovation.**

**(2) A school may meet high environmental standards as required by subsection (1) of this section by:**

**(a) Qualifying for one of the two highest levels of standards prescribed by a national certification program that provides the benchmark for the design, construction and operation of buildings that meet high environmental standards; or**

**(b) Meeting any other established energy efficiency and environmentally sustainable construction and operation standards that are identified by the State Department of Energy by rule.**

**(3) A district school board may receive funding to offset the additional costs of meeting the standards required by this section by applying to the State Department of Energy for a loan without any interest from the Healthy School Buildings Fund created by section 2 of this 2009 Act.**

**(4) The State Department of Energy shall seek federal grant funds for the purpose of assisting school districts in complying with the requirements of this section.**

**(5) The State Department of Energy may accept contributions of funds and assistance from the United States Government and its agencies or from any other source, public or private, and agree to conditions placed on the funds not inconsistent with the provisions of this section.**

**(6) All funds received by the State Department of Energy under subsections (4) and (5) of this section shall be deposited in the Healthy School Buildings Fund created by section 2 of this 2009 Act.**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

