

Senate Bill 537

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

SUMMARY

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Allows Department of Education to enter into contracts with private entities to perform audits of business practices of school districts and education service districts.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to business practices of districts; amending ORS 326.133.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 326.133 is amended to read:

5 326.133. (1) The Department of Education, in consultation with the District Best Business Prac-
6 tices Advisory Committee, shall establish a system for auditing the business practices of districts.
7 The department shall develop a list of best business practices to use for the district audits.

8 (2) Only those districts that volunteer for the audit will be audited under this section.

9 [(3) *The department shall contract with the Secretary of State to audit districts based on the list*
10 *of best business practices.*]

11 **(3)(a) The department shall enter into contracts for auditing the business practices of**
12 **districts. Contracts may be entered into with private entities or with the Secretary of State.**

13 **(b) Contracts entered into under this section shall comply with the competitive bidding**
14 **requirements of ORS chapters 279A and 279B.**

15 (4) The [secretary] **department** shall report the results of the audit [*first*] to the Governor, the
16 State Board of Education and the district that was the subject of the audit. [*Then the secretary*]
17 **After making the reports required by this subsection, the department** may post the results of
18 the audit on the Internet.

19 (5) The department shall monitor district responses to the recommendations made in the audit.
20 The department shall report to the board on the district responses and make further recommen-
21 dations if necessary.

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