

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Gelser
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Monroe

Revenue: Revenue statement issued

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and Be Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 23 – 0 – 1

House

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Cowan, Edwards, Garrard, Gilman, Jenson, Komp, Kotek, Nathanson, Richardson, G. Smith

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Courtney, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Kruse, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc: Shields

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Meeting Date: February 19, 2010

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Qualifies school district for moneys from High Cost Disabilities Account based on amounts received from Blind and Visually Impaired Student Fund (BVI). Requires Department of Education to distribute moneys from sale of real property of Oregon School for the Blind (OSB) to Oregon School for the Deaf and to the BVI. Requires Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to present plan for sale of OSB real property at a meeting of the Capitol Planning Commission. Requires Commission to provide public with an opportunity for review and comment at that meeting. Declares emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Use of High Cost Disabilities Account vs. BVI
- Need for clarifying language for out-of-state placements

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Provides clarifying language on eligible costs for the BVI and adds maintenance costs for the Oregon School for the Deaf to the allowable use of resources from 50 percent of the sale proceeds from the OSB.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2834 (2009) closed the OSB and provided for integration of OSB students into their home districts. It created the Blind and Visually Impaired Student Fund to provide resources and services to blind or visually impaired students with priority given to former students of the OSB.