

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Bonamici, George, Morse, Shields, Hass
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 5/17, 5/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides that governing body of county is district boundary board for purposes of boundary changes and mergers of school districts.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- School district boundary change or merger process
- County election official to regulate petition signature verification
- Boundary petition process

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, the education service district (ESD) board constitutes the district boundary board for laying off the county in convenient school districts. In cases where there is no ESD, the governing board of the county serves that function. District boundary changes may be accomplished through petition and election processes, which education service districts are not well-equipped to regulate. House Bill 3298 transfers that regulatory authority to county governing boards in all cases.