

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Read  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Hass

Revenue: Revenue statement issued

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Without recommendation as to Passage with Amendments and be Printed A-Engrossed

Vote: 23 – 2 – 0

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Freeman, Garrard, Komp, Kotek, McLane, Nathanson, Nolan, Richardson, G. Smith, Thatcher, Whisnant

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Thomsen, Verger, Winters

Nays: Girod, Whitsett

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 17, 2011

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Extends the applicability of law that requires school districts to offer half-day kindergarten and allows school districts and public charter schools to offer full-day kindergarten. Changes the State School Fund (SSF) distribution formula to a full weight (1.0) for each enrolled kindergarten student, commencing with the 2015-2016 distribution.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Fiscal impact of the measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:** Under current law, school districts have the option of providing full-day kindergarten; Senate Bill 248 makes it mandatory beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. According to the Department of Education (ODE), one third of Oregon kindergarteners (14,000), currently attend full-day programs in over 100 school districts. Nationally, 60 percent of kindergarteners attend full-day programs. Senate Bill 44 (2009) directed the ODE to form a Full-Day Kindergarten Implementation Committee to make policy recommendations to the Legislative Assembly. By unanimous vote the Committee recommended requiring Oregon school districts and public charter schools to provide full-day kindergarten no later than the 2015-2016 school year. The report is available at: [http://www.ode.state.or.us/gradelevel/kindergarten/full-day-kindergarten-implementation-committee-report-september-2010-final-\(2\).pdf](http://www.ode.state.or.us/gradelevel/kindergarten/full-day-kindergarten-implementation-committee-report-september-2010-final-(2).pdf)

Statutes regarding the provision of half-day and supplemental kindergarten are scheduled to sunset with the 2011-2012 school year. Senate Bill 248 extends the full-day kindergarten provisions through June 30, 2014.

Currently, the SSF distribution formula allows a .5 weight for each kindergarten student, regardless of whether the student attends half-day or full-day kindergarten. Senate Bill 248 changes the SSF distribution formula to a full weight (1.0) for each enrolled student, stipulating that funding for kindergarten students must be calculated the same as it is for students in grades one through eight, commencing with the 2015-2016 distribution.