

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	6 - 2 - 0
Yeas:	Berger, Freeman, Garrett, Wingard, Hunt, Olson
Nays:	Barnhart, Holvey
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/18, 5/23, 6/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires school districts to offer full-day kindergarten, beginning with 2015-2016 school year. Extends requirement that school districts offer half-day kindergarten through the 2014-2015 school year. 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:

- Full-Day Kindergarten Implementation Committee process and recommendations
- Improved assessments experienced by schools transitioning to full-day kindergarten
- Implementation of half-day kindergarten in 1990s
- Incremental costs of full-day kindergarten
- Current funding models for full-day kindergarten
- Disparity among districts and its impact on transfer students
- Costs of full-day kindergarten relative to costs of later interventions
- Possible funding mechanisms

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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.

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