

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Fagan, Gomberg, Gorsek, Huffman, Parrish, Reardon, Sprenger, Whisnant, Gelser
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows any school district to withdraw from Education Service District (ESD) participation. Removes sunset clause pertaining to the election process for the boards of three specified ESDs.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Part of continuing discussion on ESDs
- Similar measures in other states
- Relationship to Governor's goals

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 250 (2011) gave a specific set of school districts the option to withdraw from, and subsequently rejoin, ESDs. Senate Bill 529-A makes that option available to all school districts. Senate Bill 987 (2010) allowed a special board election process for three ESDs (High Desert, Northwest Regional and Willamette Education Service Districts). The measure also extended the initial 2005 pilot project, enacted by House Bill 3184 (2005), and contained a sunset clause of Feb. 1, 2013. Senate Bill 529-A allows school districts greater flexibility in deciding how to best take advantage of ESD services, while also allowing three ESDs to avoid special election expenses.