

77TH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
2013 REGULAR SESSION
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
SENATE FINANCE AND REVENUE COMMITTEE

MEASURE: SB 24
CARRIER: Sen. George

REVENUE: No Revenue Impact
FISCAL: No Fiscal Impact

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5-0-0
Yeas: Boquist, George, Hass, Rosenbaum, Burdick
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/20, 3/27

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Specifies that the moneys of the Common School Fund determined by the State Land Board to be available for distribution to school districts, be credited to the Distributable Income Account within the Common School Fund. Stipulates that all proceeds derived from the investment of the Common School Fund moneys become part of the Common School Fund.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of the Common School Fund (CSF)
- Importance of stable distribution of money from the CSF to school districts
- Possible removal of the Distributable Income Account and distribution of money directly from the CSF corpus

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS: None

BACKGROUND: Current law (ORS 273.105) specifies that the income derived from the investment of the Common School Fund be credited to the Distributable Income Account (DIA) within the Common School Fund. The moneys in the DIA are to be distributed to school districts in accordance with the distribution decision by the State Land Board.

Under current law, moneys in the DIA could dry up when the DIA is not replenished sufficiently in case of poor returns on the investment of the Common School Fund. The change in the bill will make sure that the moneys to be distributed will be available from the Common School Fund corpus.