

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 8 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Fagan, Gomberg, Gorsek, Huffman, Parrish, Reardon, Whisnant, Gelser

Nays: 0

Exc.: Sprenger

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Meeting Dates: 4/8, 4/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires district school boards to procure a United States flag of suitable size for classrooms and for the flag to be displayed in each classroom. Requires district schools boards to provide a time at least once daily during school hours for an employee or student of the school to lead students in the salute of the United States flag. Requires public charter school governing body to procure and display flag if located in a public building or located in a private building and equipment for flag display is readily available. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Madrone Trail Public Charter School
- Whether flags can be obtained for free
- Student concerns

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, Oregon public schools are only required to have an American and Oregon flag near the school building. Schools are also required to give students a chance to salute the flag, but only once a week. The Pledge of Allegiance of the United States is an expression of loyalty to the federal flag and the republic of the United States of America, originally composed by Francis Bellamy in 1892 and formally adopted by Congress as the pledge in 1942.