

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal 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: 4/3, 4/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Defines the word “school” for purposes of defining “school zone” under current law. Defines “school” as a public or private educational institution for one or more levels kindergarten through grade 12 or a publicly funded early childhood education program located in a building currently or previously owned by a school district.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Public safety
- Consequences of empty school buildings
- Leased buildings

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The term “school zone” is defined in ORS 801.462. Under that definition, a school zone is both a specific segment of highway that is adjacent to school grounds and marked by signs and a crosswalk that is not adjacent to school grounds and marked by signs. The word “school” is not defined in ORS 801.462. House Bill 3394 adds a definition of what is meant by school to existing law.