

**REVENUE: Minimal revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	9 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Barnhart, Berger, Dembrow, Hicks, Holvey, Hoyle, Jenson, Kennemer, Garrett
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	7/1

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires Beaverton School District and Hillsboro School District attempt resolution of boundary dispute via mediation within 30 days of effective date of this Act. Instructs school districts report on mediation to interim committee on education by November 1, 2013. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Effect of amendment
- Process for changing school district boundaries
- Role of county district boundary board to change school district boundaries
- Ability to file remonstrance petition on proposed school boundary change or merger

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Removes requirement that Beaverton and Hillsboro School Districts make request for school district boundary change to county governing board with jurisdiction over affected school district's boundaries, if resolution is not reached through mediation. Report related to mediation must be supported to interim committee on education no later than November 1, 2013.

**BACKGROUND:** Chapter 330 of the Oregon Revised Statutes provides for the process of school district boundary changes and mergers. The governing body of each county constitutes the district boundary board for the purpose of apportioning the county into school districts. The school district boundary board has jurisdiction over all school districts in the county and over all joint districts and is responsible for alterations and changes in the school districts. Currently, the boundaries of a school district may be changed or merged by the district boundary board under the following conditions: (1) Continuation of the district is not required because of geographic factors affecting transportation or because of lack of population, and if (a) the school district fails to maintain and operate a school for one year without approval of the State Board of Education, (b) the school district is in a county with 35,000 or less population and has an average daily membership of fewer than six children for each of two successive years, or (c) the school district is in a county with more than 35,000 population and has an average daily membership of fewer than 18 children for each of two successive years; or (2) if the district boundary board receives a request to merge from the district school boards of the affected districts or on petition of five percent or 500 electors of each affected district, whichever is less, it shall merge into a larger district or change the boundaries of common or union high school districts; or (3) by a vote of the people pursuant to lengthening the course of study under ORS Chapter 335.