

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Education

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 3/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes funding mechanisms for fifth year high school programs. Defines terms. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: Chapter 327 of the Oregon Revised Statutes regulates the state financing of elementary and secondary education. Statue currently allows for programs wherein a student who has satisfied the requirements for a diploma may delay the reception of their diploma, remain enrolled in their school district, and attend a community college for at least half of their coursework, with the school district paying some or all of the student’s tuition, fees, and book costs for coursework at the community college. These “fifth year high school programs” are currently funded out of the State School Fund, which includes students participating in fifth-year programs in calculations of aggregate days membership. “Aggregate days membership” means the sum of days present and absent, according to the rules of the State Board of Education, of all resident pupils when school is in session during a given period.

Senate Bill 322 specifies that calculations of aggregate days membership may not include students who are participating in fifth year high school programs, and establishes alternative funding mechanisms for students participating in these programs.