

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: Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Gretchen Engbring, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 3/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Limits additional distributions of State School Fund moneys to school districts for students enrolled in English as a second language program to no more than seven school years per student. Distributes moneys to school districts during seven-year period even if student is no longer eligible for or enrolled in program. Distributes grants from State School Fund to school districts for purpose of funding world language immersion programs and support services related to English as a second language programs. Requires school districts use additional distributions and grant moneys for specified purposes. Takes effect July 1, 2016.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

BACKGROUND: ORS 327.013 regulates weighted average daily membership (ADMw) calculations. Currently, an additional amount is added for each student in average daily membership eligible for and enrolled in an English as a second language program under ORS 336.079.

Senate Bill 897 proposes to limit additional distributions from the State School Fund to school districts for students enrolled in English as a second language programs to no more than seven school years per student. The bill further provides that even if a student ceases to be eligible for an English as a second language program or ceases enrollment during the seven year period, additional funds will continue to be distributed to the school for the purposes of monitoring and supporting the student's educational progress and funding and improving the school district's English as a second language program.

Senate Bill 897 also requires that money be distributed as grants to school districts for the purposes of providing world language immersion programs and support services related to English as a second language programs.

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