

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

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 3/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies provisions to allow students who are not residents of school district to attend school of school district. Defines terms.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: Four pieces of legislation primarily impact student transfers in Oregon. These include: House Bill 3681 (2011) which established open enrollment in Oregon, House Bill 2747 (2013) which altered rules regarding interdistrict transfers, House Bill 3075 (2013) which modified open enrollment, and House Bill 4007 (2014) which modified rules for students who had been granted transfers in previous years.

Senate Bill 709 builds on this legislation, modifying provisions of chapter 339 regarding the regulation of student transfers. Senate Bill 709 requires that a person whose legal residence is not within a school district, but who receives consent from both the sending district school board and the receiving district school board to attend the schools in the receiving board’s school district, shall be considered a resident of the receiving school district for educational purposes. Senate Bill 709 additionally establishes timelines, notification requirements, and other guidelines for withholding or giving consent. The bill does not require the receiving school district school board to provide transportation outside their district, but must allow persons considered residents for educational purposes access to existing routes and transportations services.