

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Education

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prescribes salary calculation for substitute teachers in school district that has class schedule based on four-day week. Changes daily minimum salary multiplier to “1.125,” replacing “1.25.” Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: Nationally, 21 states, including Oregon, have school districts operating on a four-day week. Usually these programs operate in small, rural districts. The earliest date of policy implementation was in the 1930s, and four-day weeks became more common during the energy crisis of the 1970s. Salary calculations for substitute teachers are controlled by ORS 342.610, and are based upon a five-day school week.

House Bill 2939-A adjusts relevant statutes so that substitute teacher salaries for schools that use a four-day work week are adjusted to reflect the increased work those teachers are required to do. The measure takes effect during the 2015-16 school year.