

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Revenue

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

Action Date:

Action:

Meeting Dates:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prevents additional weights that can be claimed due to doubling counting, when the extended weighted Average Daily Memberships (ADMw's) of public charter schools and non-charter schools are calculated independently of each other. Specifies the way the extended ADMw is calculated when a public charter school has ceased to operate. Takes effect on July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, the extended ADMw's of public charter schools and non-charter schools are calculated independently of each other. This has allowed double counting of weights in a school district even when the overall ADMw of the school district stayed the same, resulting in a higher total statewide weight for the purpose of State School Fund distributions. In essence, this bill restores the extended ADMw calculation method that existed prior to the 2011-12 school year. The bill also specifies the way the extended ADMw's are calculated when a public charter school ceases to operate or moves to another school district. In particular, it addresses the extended ADMw calculation for a school district of a public charter school that will have ceased to operate following the end of the 2014-15 school year.

Without the change in this bill, the moving of a public charter school following the end of the 2014-15 school year from one school district to another would increase the total statewide ADMw by up to 4,000 in the 2015-16 school year. The total statewide ADMw of 699,000 for the 2015-16 school year, estimated at the beginning of this legislative session, did not incorporate this impact as the relocation had not cleared all the hurdles then. Under the bill, the impact will be much smaller and the total ADMw is expected to increase by up to 200. Given the available General Purpose Grants for the year, the additional weight will likely reduce the formula revenue per ADMw by \$2, when compared with the estimate at the beginning of the session.