

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Education

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Gretchen Engbring, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 5/19, 5/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows district school board to enter into partnership for purpose of acquiring, leasing or improving real property for educational purposes. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Measure would allow partnerships that offer financial benefits that would not otherwise be available
- Language is tailored to apply only to partnerships that are expected to reduce costs
- Many aging schools and facilities in Oregon that need to be fixed, rebuilt, or retrofitted for seismic threats or access for persons with disabilities
- Measure would allow access to New Market Tax Credits, historic tax credits, and other federal and state tax credit or funding programs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

-2 amendments (proposed) address a drafting error to clarify that a district school board may enter into transactions that are expected to reduce the cost for school facilities, including entering into an agreement or taking any other action to allow the district to use state or federal funding sources.

BACKGROUND: The rights and powers of a district school board to contract for real property are governed by ORS 332.155–332.430. There is currently no provision under law to allow partnerships with non-public entities or organizations for the purpose of acquiring, leasing, or improving real property.

House Bill 3039-A allows school districts to partner with private entities in certain circumstances that are expected to reduce costs to the district for school facilities.