

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Education

MEASURE: HB 3045
CARRIER: Rep. Sprenger

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/08/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 03/18, 04/08

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Doherty, Frederick, Hack, McLain, Piluso, Reardon, Sprenger, Wilson

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes requirement that school district transfer moneys to other school district for student who attends public charter school in school district and is resident of other school district. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Measure as technical in nature
- Current requirement to send half of remainder of ADMw moneys, on a per-student basis, back to resident district, if student attends a charter school outside his or her resident district
- Lack of consistent method for returning moneys; absence of audit or other tracking process
- Relatively small amount of money; large administrative burden
- Evolution of school responsibilities over time, including Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) for special education purposes; students essentially treated as residents of school wherever they attend

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, under ORS 338.155(5), when a student attends a public charter school (the school) located outside that student's resident district, the school district in which the school is located, "shall transfer an amount equal to the per weighted average daily membership (ADMw) of the public charter school that is equal to 50 percent of the amount of the school district's General Purpose Grant per ADMw." House Bill 3045 removes that requirement. Other similar requirements for public charter schools sponsored by the Department of Education or by an institution of higher education are unaffected.

House Bill 3045 removes the requirement that school districts transfer moneys left over after funds have passed through to a charter school. The amount of moneys is generally *de minimus* in value and the administrative burden in managing the transfer of moneys is significant.