

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/14/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 04/23, 05/14

Vote:

Yeas: 6 - Baertschiger Jr, Gelser, Hass, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan

Exc: 1 - Beyer

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes requirement that school district where public charter school is located transfer moneys to school district where student resides for student who attends public charter school in district other than district where student resides. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Districts currently required to send half of remainder of average daily membership (ADMw) moneys, on per-student basis, back to resident district if student attends charter school outside resident district
- Time-consuming and costly process of sending money back to resident district
- Lack of automatic or clearly articulated process of transferring money
- Number of students moving between districts approximately equivalent, resulting in relatively minimal financial gains after money has been exchanged
- No change in policy if charter is state-sponsored
- Suggestion that moneys in question be sent to charter school where student attends, rather than kept with sponsoring district or sent to resident district

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, under ORS 338.155(5), when a student attends a public charter school that is located outside that student's resident district, the school district in which the charter school is located is required to "transfer an amount equal to the per weighted 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.