

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue**

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued

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**Action Date:**

**Action:**

**Meeting Dates:** 02/16

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes formation of children's special districts and provides districts the authority to assess, levy and collect taxes to pay the cost of children's services within the boundaries of the district. Defines children's services as services provided outside of school hours to students in kindergarten through grade 12. Requires petition for formation of children's special district to be signed by greater of 15 percent or more of electors in territory or 100 electors. Limits expenses for administering funds of children's special district to five percent of taxes collected. Aligns election and formation of children's special districts with existing special district statutes.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Potential impact creating a children's special district will have upon compression
- Responsibility of county attorney and county treasurer to provide administrative service to children's special district
- Secondary effects of enhancing after school services such as reduced criminal activity or drug use
- Thrives program in Washington County
- Elimination of Oregon Commission on Children and Families
- Types (if any) of special districts allowed in statute that are not active.

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

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Removes authority of children's special district to call upon county or district attorney for advice as to any district business. Removes authority of district board to employ special counsel at any time for any purpose. Eliminates requirement that moneys receive by children's special district be deposited with county treasurer. Eliminates children's special district fund administrative expense limit of five percent of taxes collected.

**BACKGROUND:**

Changes to current law provided by the measure will allow for the creation of children's special districts, however, no children's special districts will be created directly because of the measure. ORS 198.705 - 198.955 provide the general requirements for formation of new special districts. ORS 198.815 requires proposals for formation that include a permanent rate limit for operating taxes of a proposed district to be voted on in either a May or November election.