

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/15/16

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 02/15

Vote:

Yeas: 6 - Baertschiger Jr, Beyer, Gelsner, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan

Exc: 1 - Hass

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires that certain individuals be considered residents of the school district in which individuals attend school even if legal residences of the individuals are no longer within district because of district boundary change. Takes effect July 1, 2016.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Measure as technical in nature
- Desire to allow students to remain enrolled where they are currently enrolled
- Confirmation that students enrolled in virtual public charter schools will not be affected by measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, if a school district boundary changes, there is no statutory right for a student to remain enrolled in the school they attended prior to the boundary change. The cities of Beaverton and Hillsboro have agreed to move the location of their mutual school district boundary to better align their districts with ongoing residential development.

House Bill 4023 allows students in an area affected by a boundary change to be considered residents of the school district they resided in prior to the boundary change, as long as the student is continuously enrolled in that school and has not changed his or her residential address. This would apply statewide rather than a specific location, e.g., Beaverton or Hillsboro.