

SB 387 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows districts that are self-insured or that have an independent health insurance trust to provide benefit plans other than those offered by the Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB). Repeals prohibition on districts leaving OEBB plans if they have ever participated.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Size of insurance pool
- Reasons for creation of OEBB
- Districts operating both within and outside of OEBB

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Allows only those districts who are already self insured or who have an independent health insurance trust for the benefit of employees who are not provided a plan administered by the board to provide benefit plans other than those provided by OEBB. Allows only districts that were self-insured before January 1, 2007 or that had an independent health insurance trust established before that date to provide plans other than those provided by OEBB.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB) was founded in 2007 with the passage of Senate Bill 426. Currently, the board provides benefits for almost 150,000 active and retired educators and their families. Four districts have employees enrolled both in OEBB plans and in plans outside of OEBB: Portland Public Schools, Corvallis School District, Beaverton School District, and Bethel School District. These districts seek the authority to have all their employees covered under the same sets of plans.