

HB 2554 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires charter schools to comply with public school food program requirements. Directs the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to reimburse charter schools five cents for every breakfast or lunch meal schools serves as part of summer meals programs. Allows charter schools to be reimbursed for eligible students who receives free and reduced lunch. Requires charter schools to make breakfast accessible at any school site and make breakfast accessible during class time if 25 percent or more of the students qualify for free and reduced lunch. Allows ODE to provide assistance to charter schools to encourage participation in providing meals and snacks to at-risk youth. Allows charter schools to qualify for grants awarded by ODE for equipment or outreach of the program. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Current law only requires that school district boards, school districts or other public schools qualify for the school food programs and reimbursement of such costs. In the State of Washington, for example, charter schools are eligible for reimbursement of both breakfast and lunch under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. The company, Fresh n' Local Foods, serves meals to Washington and some Oregon schools. House Bill 2554 directs the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to reimburse charter schools five cents for every breakfast or lunch served during the summer as part of the summer meals program. It also allows any charter school to be reimbursed for any eligible student who receives free and reduced lunch. HB 2554 requires the charter schools to make breakfast accessible if their student body has a population of 25 percent or more qualifying for free and reduced lunch. It directs the ODE to provide assistance to charter schools and encourage their participation in the United States Department of Agriculture program providing meals and snacks to at-risk youth.