

HB 2997 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Smith G

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/03/17

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Doherty, Evans, Hernandez, McLain, Sollman, Sprenger, Vial, Wilson

Exc: 1 - Parrish

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires that anyone having control of children between ages six and 18 years, who are found in violation of not sending children to school, have half of collected fine sent to school district or education service district, and other half sent to either the State of Oregon, county or city that established the court (circuit court, municipal court or justice court). Imposes change in allocation of collected amounts on or after the effective date of this Act.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Requirement that children six to 18 years of age must attend school
- Current fine of \$80 is given to public safety system
- Explanation of half the money going to school district or education service district

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

School districts have attendance supervisors who may determine whether a parent or guardian has failed to have their student in regular attendance. The attendance supervisor provides written noncompliance notification. Current law allows any parent or legal guardian to be fined for not sending their children to school. House Bill 2997 revises the collection of fines and its allocation to have half sent to the district and the other half to the court.