

SB 208 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Carrier:** Sen. Roblan**Senate Committee On Education**

Action Date: 04/13/17
Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 5-0-0-0
Yeas: 5 - Gelser, Hass, Kruse, Linthicum, Roblan
Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires that schools, districts and associations allow charter school and virtual charter school students to participate in interscholastic athletics. Requires that school districts allow homeschooled, charter school or virtual charter school students to participate in all interscholastic activities if the students meet all district eligibility requirements except for attendance and class requirements. Requires that students either score at or above the 23rd percentile annually on an examination from the list adopted by the State Board of Education under state law relating to home schooling or meet alternative requirements adopted by a school district in consultation with the student's parents. Requires that students live within the attendance boundaries of the school at which they participate in interscholastic activities and that students comply with the same standards of behavior and responsibilities as other participants. Requires that ineligible homeschooled, charter school or virtual charter school students remain ineligible for an entire school year.

Establishes a fee of no more than five percent of the amount of the school district's General Purpose Grant per weighted average daily membership (ADMw) that charter schools must pay to the school district for charter school students enrolling in interscholastic activities through the school district. Requires an additional fee if participation in the interscholastic activity requires the charter school student to enroll in a for-credit course.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Forthcoming amendment
- Reimbursement to school districts for costs associated with activities
- Parents' fees
- Benefits of participation in interscholastic activities
- Oregon School Activities Association membership and policies

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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BACKGROUND:

Students throughout Oregon participate in 26 interscholastic activities, including athletics, choir, band, orchestra, cheerleading and speech and debate, according to the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA). Under current law, schools must allow homeschooled students to participate in interscholastic activities, but they may deny participation to students at charter schools or virtual charter schools.