

HB 3215 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/17/17

Action: Without recommendation as to passage and be referred to Ways and Means.

Vote: 8-0-1-0

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

Exc: 1 - Sprenger

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires school districts submit to the Oregon Department of Education all state-related debt agreements, certify annually that moneys are sufficient to pay debt service on all bonds, and receive approval from ODE to enter any diversion agreements for new funds. Allows ODE to approve proposed funds diversion agreement if ODE determines the debt service averages to no greater than 80 percent of state school moneys. Becomes operative July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Measure referred to Ways and Means without recommendation from Committee

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 1998, Ballot Measure 54 was approved by voters. This allowed the State of Oregon to guaranty qualified bonds of education service districts and school districts. Such bonds are given a credit rating based on the State of Oregon's rating. Current law does not require that districts submit to the Oregon Department of Education all state-related debt agreements, nor approval from ODE to enter diversion agreements for new funds.

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