

Corrected**SB 803 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****Carrier:** Sen. Roblan**Senate Committee On Rules**

Action Date: 07/04/17
Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 5-0-0-0
Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Boquist, Burdick, Ferrioli, Roblan
Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: Revenue impact issued
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows foreign exchange students, who reside in dormitories operated by school districts, to be counted as residents of the school district. Defines foreign exchange student as student who attends program in Oregon under cultural exchange program and whose legal guardian lives in another country. Sunsets July 1, 2018. Directs Oregon Department of Education to report to education committees of the Legislative Assembly no later than March 1, 2018 on State School Fund distributions made to districts for foreign exchange students who reside in a dormitory operated by a district. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effect of amendment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

In Oregon, children who are foreign exchange students and reside in dormitories operated by school districts are considered residents of school districts for funding purposes. There are at least five school districts in Oregon that rely on dormitories to house foreign exchange students. These include the following districts: Ukiah, Spray, Mitchell, Burnt River and Paisley. Districts that host these students will be allowed to receive funding for those students. The State School Fund distribution formula distributes the legislatively appropriated budget to school districts based on the number of students the district has as well as specific characteristics of those students. However, the provision relating to foreign exchange students residing in dormitories sunsets at the end of this biennium and it has historically been renewed on a biennial basis.

Senate Bill 803-A allows children who are foreign exchange students and who reside in dormitories operated by school districts to be counted as residents of the school district. This expires on July 1, 2018. The Oregon Department of Education is required to submit a report to the education committees of the Legislative Assembly no later than March 1, 2018 on the State School Fund distributions made to districts for foreign exchange students who reside in a dormitory.