HB 4036 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 2/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows school districts to allow homeschooled students and public charter school students to participate in interscholastic activities regardless of the affiliation with any voluntary associations. Clarifies current interpretation and practice that fees are required on an annual basis, and that charter schools pays up to 5 percent of the school district's General Purpose Grant weighted Average Daily Membership (ADMw) to participate in the activity and an additional 5 percent if the student enrolls in a course for credit. Effective on July 1, 2018.

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 208 (2017) prohibited a school district from denying homeschooled or public charter school students the opportunity to participate in interscholastic activities in a school district. It required the charter school to pay school districts a fee of not more than 5 percent of the General Purpose Grant weighted Average Daily Membership (ADMw) to participate in the activity. SB 208 requires the charter school pay an additional 5 percent if the student enrolls in a course for credit.

The Oregon Department of Education filed Oregon Administrative Rules on December 21, 2017 to address the statutory changes required by SB 208. The rules indicated: (1) The fee would be charged on an annual basis. (2) The fee may not exceed 5 percent of the school district's General Purpose Grant per ADMw and an additional 5 percent if participating in a course for credit. (3) The law only applies to activities sanctioned by the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA).

HB 4036 removes the requirement that interscholastic activities be affiliated with any voluntary association (ex: the Oregon School Activities Association) for homeschooled and charter school students to participate.