

**SB 1520 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Roblan

**Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue**

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**Action Date:** 02/20/18  
**Action:** Do pass.  
**Vote:** 4-0-1-0  
**Yeas:** 4 - Baertschiger Jr, Boquist, Hass, Taylor  
**Exc:** 1 - Riley  
**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued  
**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued  
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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Clarifies that a school district does not need to offer half-day kindergarten when it provides full-day kindergarten. Moves by two years to June 30, 2020, the sunset on provisions that allow foreign exchange students residing in a dormitory operated by an Oregon school district to be considered resident students of the school district in which the dormitory is located.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Implication of foreign exchange students as resident students on the state school fund distribution
- Financial impact on school districts housing foreign exchange students in their dormitories
- 90-day grace period and expedited processes by Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

This bill contains numerous technical fixes, clarifications, and provisions designed to facilitate proper administration in K-12 education. While many policy issues had been adequately vetted in the Senate Education Committee, two issues require further discussion because they have implications on the State School Fund distribution.

The first is Section 14 regarding the availability of kindergarten programs. The section specifies that a school district need not offer half-day kindergarten when it provides full-day kindergarten. The second issue is preserving resident student status of foreign exchange students living in Oregon school district-operated dormitories (Sections 18-24). With the changes, foreign exchange students residing in a dormitory operated by an Oregon school district will be considered resident students through the end of the 2019-20 school year.