

**HB 2761 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Education**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Establishes School Meal Reimbursement Account for districts providing meals to students who owe money for five or more meals. Provides exception to using funds, as specified. Applies to costs accrued after July 1, 2019. Allows Oregon Department of Education to reallocate funds if funds are insufficient and use public or private funds for reimbursements.

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

HB 3454 (2017) implemented a statewide policy regarding unpaid meal charges which includes procedures school districts must follow when communication with a student and the student’s parents or guardians about amounts owed for meals taken by the student. This legislation prevented “lunch shaming” which is used to describe practices identifying or stigmatizing students who cannot afford meals or accrued unpaid meal charges. Upon passage of HB 3454, some school districts accrued debt from unpaid meals.

HB 2761 establishes a school meal reimbursement account for districts providing meals to students who owe more than five meals. This account can only be used for costs accrued after July 1, 2019.