

SB 352 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/01/19

Action: Do pass with amendments. Refer to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng).

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Gelser, Hass, Heard, Thomsen, Wagner

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund for distribution to the Tucker Maxon School for capital improvements. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Tucker Maxon School
- Success rate of graduates
- Curriculum and school activities
- Age of school buildings
- Need for new heating system
- One-time funding request
- Unemployment rates and educational outcomes for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Deaf students' experiences in traditional classroom settings

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Appropriates \$500,000 for distribution to Tucker Maxon School for capital improvements.

BACKGROUND:

Founded in 1947, Tucker Maxon School is an educational institution located in Portland, Oregon, for children who are deaf, hard of hearing, and typically hearing. It is an independent, non-profit corporation that is governed by a 14-member board of directors. In 2016–2017, the school enrolled 110 students, with 39 children who are deaf and 71 children with typical hearing. Senate Bill 352 A provides \$500,000 in state funding to the Tucker Maxon School for a new heating system.