

HB 2759 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/08/19

Action: Without recommendation as to passage, refer to Student Success by prior reference.

Vote: 7-1-1-0

Yeas: 7 - Alonso Leon, Doherty, Helt, Hernandez, Neron, Reardon, Sollman

Nays: 1 - Reschke

Exc: 1 - Wallan

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/27, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes School Breakfast and Lunch Reimbursement Account for reimbursing school districts incurring costs for providing breakfast and lunch not otherwise reimbursed or paid by other moneys. Allows Oregon Department of Education to reallocate funds available for reallocation, request additional appropriation, and accept funding from other sources, as specified. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Link between student success and school meals
- Challenge in computing cost and overall cost of policy
- Difficulty in providing breakfast for students in rural areas due to travel time to and from school
- Interest in amending measure in Joint Committee on Student Success and continuing conversation

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The National School Breakfast and Lunch Program is administered by the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services and provides funding for schools to offer breakfast and lunch depending on household income. To qualify, parents and primary caregivers of the children must have a household income that is below a certain threshold.

House Bill 2759 establishes the School Breakfast and Lunch Reimbursement Account for reimbursing school districts that incur costs when providing breakfast and lunch, when the cost of those meals is not otherwise reimbursed.