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House Bill 2243

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Including Senate Amendments dated May 13

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG; Representatives SMITH DB, SMITH G (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Defines “public library” as public agency providing to all residents of local government unit free and equal access to library and information services that are suitable for persons of all ages.

Requires State Library Board to establish minimum conditions for public libraries that include financial support from public funds, regularly scheduled open hours and reasonable exemptions to libraries with service populations of 2,000 or fewer residents of local government unit.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to public libraries; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 310.156 and 357.400.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 357.400 is amended to read:

357.400. As used in ORS 357.400 to 357.621:

(1) “Governing body” means the board, commission, council or other body which governs the local government unit.

(2) “Local government unit” means any city, county, library service district established under ORS chapter 451, school district, community college district or a library district established under ORS 357.216 to 357.286.

(3) “Public library” means a public agency responsible for providing and making accessible to all residents of a local government unit library and information services suitable to persons of all ages that provides to all residents of a local government unit free and equal access to library and information services that are suitable for persons of all ages.

SECTION 2. Section 3 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 357.400 to 357.621.

SECTION 3. (1) The State Library Board shall establish minimum conditions that a public library must meet.

(2) The conditions established under this section must, at least:

(a) Include financial support from public funds and regularly scheduled open hours; and

(b) Provide reasonable exemptions to libraries with service populations of 2,000 or fewer residents of the local government unit.

SECTION 4. ORS 310.156 is amended to read:

310.156. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 310.155 and for purposes of ORS 310.150, taxes levied or imposed by a community college district to provide a public library system established prior to Sep-
tember 9, 1995, shall be considered to be levied or imposed for the purpose of funding government
operations other than the public school system.

(2) As used in this section, “public library system” has the meaning given the term in ORS