Senate Bill 352

Sponsored by Senators MONNES ANDERSON, ROBLAN, Representative NOSSE; Senators DEMBROW, GELSER, TAYLOR, Representatives BARKER, GORSEK, GREENLICK, NEARMAN, PILUSO, POWER, SALINAS, SANCHEZ, SCHOUTEN, WILDE (at the request of Tucker Maxon School) (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 as introduced.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for distribution to Tucker Maxon School to provide financial aid to students with hearing loss who cannot afford tuition and for capital improvements.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the Tucker Maxon School; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas the nonprofit Tucker Maxon School is an inclusive school that coeducates children with hearing loss and children with typical hearing with the mission of helping children with hearing loss listen, talk and fully participate in the world around them; and

Whereas the Tucker Maxon School has provided services for children in Oregon and southwest Washington for 72 years; and

Whereas the facilities and services that the Tucker Maxon School provides to students with hearing loss include sound-field speakers and FM transmitters in each classroom and extensive one-on-one time with speech language pathologists and other specialists; and

Whereas the model of the Tucker Maxon School successfully prepares students with hearing loss for mainstream schools without the need for further special education services; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of $500,000 for distribution to the Tucker Maxon School in Portland, to be used for the following purposes:

(1) $250,000 to provide financial aid to students with hearing loss who cannot afford tuition at the school.

(2) $250,000 for capital improvements.

SECTION 2. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect on its passage.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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