

HB 4044 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Makes permanent small school district grants and school formula funding for foreign exchange students. Allows individuals who are foreign exchange students living in dormitory settings in Oregon to be considered residents of the school district where the dormitory is located. Specifies for residency requirements what is required of individual applying for residency. Defines foreign exchange student. Requires Oregon Department of Education to transfer \$2.5 million each fiscal year from the State School Fund to the Small School District Supplement Fund. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The provision that allows children who are foreign exchange students and reside in dormitories operated by school districts to be considered residents of those school districts for funding purposes, sunsets at the end of the biennium, on June 30, 2020. Districts that host these students are allowed to receive school formula funding for them, because the State School Fund distribution formula distributes the legislatively appropriated budget to school districts based on the number of students the district has as well as specific characteristics of those students.

The current annual small district grants of \$2.5 million is also continued permanently that provides additional funding to roughly 100 smaller that have statutorily defined small schools. This was also scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2020.