SB 624 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 3/22, 3/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Task Force on Public Charter School Overview. Establishes membership and study requirements. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure. Requires calculation of payments to public charter schools be based on district's extended weighted average daily membership (extended ADMw).

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's school districts are primarily funded through distributions from the State School Fund. The amount of money each school district is allocated from the State School Fund is based on a formula that takes into account the total number of students attending school in that district (average daily membership, or ADM), the particular needs of the student population (weighted average daily membership, or ADMw), and the school district's available local revenues. The formula uses the higher of the current year's ADMw or prior year's ADMw. This practice is referred to as extended ADMw.

The current statute regarding the calculation of charter school payments bases the calculation on weighted average daily membership (ADMw) instead of extended weighted average daily membership (extended ADMw). Senate Bill 624-1 requires the calculation of these payments be based on extended ADMw. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.