

SB 843 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 4/22, 5/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Repeals sunset on post-graduate scholar program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Senate chamber: Passed. Ayes, 27; Nays, 1--Linthicum; Excused, 2--Heard, Thomsen.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Needs of students that led to creation of post-graduate scholars program
- Program effectiveness
- Benefits of continuing program

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 1537 (2016) established the post-graduate scholar program under which a school district receives State School Fund dollars for certain students who have already graduated from high school. Students who earned below a 2.5 cumulative grade point average while in high school qualify, as they are not eligible for Oregon Promise, as do individuals who are ineligible for a federal Pell grant. The program allows students who graduated to remain enrolled in high school but attend community college for college credit.

Senate Bill 843 removes the sunset on the program.