

SB 624 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/29/21

Action: Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

Vote: 3-2-0-0

Yeas: 3 - Dembrow, Gelser, Gorsek

Nays: 2 - Robinson, Thomsen

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/22, 3/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires calculation of payments to public charter schools be based on district's extended weighted average daily membership (extended ADMw). Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Charter school funding
- State School Fund formula
- Means of calculating charter school allocations

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

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 A requires the calculation of these payments be based on extended ADMw.