

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2630**

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Including House Amendments dated June 10

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**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.

*[Provides that, for five school years, calculations of weighted average daily membership made for purposes of distributions of state moneys to school districts may not be decreased for school districts impacted by wildfires in 2020.]*

**Directs Department of Education to award grants to wildfire-impacted school districts in amounts to cover any decreases in State School Fund distributions and Student Investment Account distributions resulting from decreases in average daily membership, as compared to 2019-2020 school year, that are caused by wildfires. Sunsets on July 1, 2025.**

**Establishes School Stabilization Subaccount for Wildfire-impacted School Districts for purpose of awarding grants.**

Declares emergency, effective *[on passage]* **July 1, 2021.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to distributions of state moneys to school districts impacted by wildfires; and declaring an  
3 emergency.

4 Whereas wildfires raged through several Oregon communities in 2020, causing devastation to the  
5 communities and to families and public schools in the communities; and

6 Whereas many of these wildfire-impacted communities are overrepresented by populations his-  
7 torically marginalized because of poverty, housing insecurity, race or ethnicity; and

8 Whereas students in wildfire-impacted school districts lost their permanent housing and all of  
9 their belongings; and

10 Whereas the families in these wildfire-impacted communities lost power, Internet access, tele-  
11 vision service and telephone service; and

12 Whereas many families of students who are residents of wildfire-impacted school districts had  
13 to relocate to stable housing outside of the school district in the aftermath of this tragedy; and

14 Whereas the schools of these wildfire-impacted areas are the hearts of the communities and are  
15 critical to their efforts to rebuild; and

16 Whereas Oregon's commitment to its most vulnerable students has been matched with renewed  
17 commitment to educational funding through the Student Success Act; and

18 Whereas school districts severely impacted by the devastation of the 2020 wildfires in the midst  
19 of the global COVID-19 pandemic have a uniquely urgent need to have stable funding over five years  
20 to enable them to fully recover; now, therefore,

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

22 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 4 of this 2021 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**  
23 **chapter 327.**

**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.

**SECTION 2.** (1) As used in this section:

(a) “ADMw” means the weighted average daily membership of a school district, as calculated under ORS 327.013, minus any ADMw attributable to a virtual public charter school, as defined in ORS 338.005.

(b) “District ADM” means the average daily membership for a school district, minus any ADM attributable to a virtual public charter school, as defined in ORS 338.005.

(2) In addition to distributing moneys through the State School Fund and the Student Investment Account, the Department of Education shall award grants to wildfire-impacted school districts as provided by this section.

(3) A school district may apply for a grant under this section if:

(a) The district ADM, as compared to the district ADM for the 2019-2020 school year, decreased for any school year occurring after the 2019-2020 school year; and

(b) The school district can demonstrate that one or more of the following occurred:

(A) One or more school buildings of the school district were damaged as the result of wildfires and that damage resulted in students being displaced from the building or the building being closed to students;

(B) The cause of the decrease in district ADM was the result of damage to students’ permanent homes and the relocation of students to housing outside of the school district; or

(C) Any other circumstances identified by the State Board of Education by rule as being directly related to the wildfires and causing a decrease in the district ADM.

(4) The amount of a grant awarded under this section shall equal the sum of:

(a) The difference between the following, in relation to distributions from the State School Fund under ORS 327.013:

(A) The amount distributed to the school district from the State School Fund under ORS 327.013, as calculated based on a district extended ADMw that equals the district ADMw for the 2019-2020 school year; and

(B) The amount distributed to the school district from the State School Fund under ORS 327.013, as calculated based on a district extended ADMw that equals the district ADMw for the current school year; and

(b) The difference between the following, in relation to distributions from the Student Investment Account under ORS 327.195:

(A) The amount distributed to the school district from the Student Investment Account under ORS 327.195, as calculated based on the district ADMw for the 2019-2020 school year; and

(B) The amount distributed to the school district from the Student Investment Account under ORS 327.195, as calculated based on the district ADMw for the current school year.

(5) Notwithstanding ORS 327.013 and 327.195, if a school district receives a grant under this section, the district extended ADMw for purposes of calculating State School Fund distributions under ORS 327.013 and the district ADMw for purposes of calculating Student Investment Account distributions under ORS 327.195 shall equal the ADMw of the current school year.

(6) A school district may qualify for a grant under this section only for school years in which the district ADM for the current school year is less than the district ADM for the 2019-2020 school year.

1 (7) The department shall award grants under this section from moneys available in the  
2 School Stabilization Subaccount for Wildfire-impacted School Districts established under  
3 section 4 of this 2021 Act.

4 (8) The State Board of Education shall adopt any rules necessary for the administration  
5 of this section.

6 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this 2021 Act applies to State School Fund and Student Invest-  
7 ment Account distributions made for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school  
8 years.

9 **SECTION 4.** (1) The School Stabilization Subaccount for Wildfire-impacted School Dis-  
10 tricts is established within the Statewide Education Initiatives Account.

11 (2) Interest earned on the School Stabilization Subaccount for Wildfire-impacted School  
12 Districts shall be credited to the subaccount.

13 (3) The School Stabilization Subaccount for Wildfire-impacted School Districts shall con-  
14 sist of moneys transferred to the subaccount from the Statewide Education Initiatives Ac-  
15 count.

16 (4) Moneys in the School Stabilization Subaccount for Wildfire-impacted School Districts  
17 are continuously appropriated to the Department of Education for the purpose described in  
18 section 2 of this 2021 Act.

19 **SECTION 5.** In addition to the uses of the Statewide Education Initiatives Account that  
20 are authorized under ORS 327.254, the Department of Education shall transfer \$10 million  
21 from the Statewide Education Initiatives Account to the School Stabilization Subaccount for  
22 Wildfire-impacted School Districts established by section 4 of this 2021 Act for the purpose  
23 of awarding grants as provided by section 2 of this 2021 Act.

24 **SECTION 6.** Sections 2 and 4 of this 2021 Act are repealed on July 1, 2025.

25 **SECTION 7.** (1) On July 1, 2025, the School Stabilization Subaccount for Wildfire-impacted  
26 School Districts established by section 4 of this 2021 Act is abolished.

27 (2) Any moneys remaining in the School Stabilization Subaccount for Wildfire-impacted  
28 School Districts on July 1, 2025, shall be transferred to the Statewide Education Initiatives  
29 Account.

30 **SECTION 8.** This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
31 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect  
32 July 1, 2021.  
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