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HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2630

By COMMITTEE ON REVENUE

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After line 3 of the printed bill, insert: 1 $\mathbf{2}$ "Whereas wildfires raged through several Oregon communities in 2020, causing devastation to 3 the communities and to families and public schools in the communities; and "Whereas many of these wildfire-impacted communities are overrepresented by populations his-4 $\mathbf{5}$ torically marginalized because of poverty, housing insecurity, race or ethnicity; and 6 "Whereas students in wildfire-impacted school districts lost their permanent housing and all of 7 their belongings; and 8 "Whereas the families in these wildfire-impacted communities lost power, Internet access, tele-9 vision service and telephone service; and 10 "Whereas many families of students who are residents of wildfire-impacted school districts had 11 to relocate to stable housing outside of the school district in the aftermath of this tragedy; and 12"Whereas the schools of these wildfire-impacted areas are the hearts of the communities and are 13critical to their efforts to rebuild; and 14 "Whereas Oregon's commitment to its most vulnerable students has been matched with renewed 15commitment to educational funding through the Student Success Act; and "Whereas school districts severely impacted by the devastation of the 2020 wildfires in the midst 16 17 of the global COVID-19 pandemic have a uniquely urgent need to have stable funding over five years 18 to enable them to fully recover; now, therefore,". 19 Delete lines 5 through 29 and insert: 20 "SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 4 of this 2021 Act are added to and made a part of ORS 21chapter 327. 22"SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section: 23 "(a) 'ADMw' means the weighted average daily membership of a school district, as cal-24culated under ORS 327.013, minus any ADMw attributable to a virtual public charter school, 25as defined in ORS 338.005. 26 "(b) 'District ADM' means the average daily membership for a school district, minus any 27ADM attributable to a virtual public charter school, as defined in ORS 338.005. 28"(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 29school districts as provided by this section. 30 31"(3) A school district may apply for a grant under this section if: 32"(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 33 34 "(b) The school district can demonstrate that one or more of the following occurred: 35 "(A) One or more school buildings of the school district were damaged as the result of 1 wildfires and that damage resulted in students being displaced from the building or the 2 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

6 "(C) Any other circumstances identified by the State Board of Education by rule as being 7 directly related to the wildfires and causing a decrease in the district ADM.

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

9 "(a) The difference between the following, in relation to distributions from the State
10 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

14 "(B) The amount distributed to the school district from the State School Fund under ORS 15 327.013, as calculated based on a district extended ADMw that equals the district ADMw for 16 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.

24 "(5) Notwithstanding ORS 327.013 and 327.195, if a school district receives a grant under 25 this section, the district extended ADMw for purposes of calculating State School Fund dis-26 tributions under ORS 327.013 and the district ADMw for purposes of calculating Student In-27 vestment Account distributions under ORS 327.195 shall equal the ADMw of the current 28 school year.

29 "(6) A school district may qualify for a grant under this section only for school years in 30 which the district ADM for the current school year is less than the district ADM for the 31 2019-2020 school year.

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

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

³⁷ "SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2021 Act applies to State School Fund and Student In ³⁸ vestment Account distributions made for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025
 ³⁹ school years.

40 "<u>SECTION 4.</u> (1) The School Stabilization Subaccount for Wildfire-impacted School Dis 41 tricts is established within the Statewide Education Initiatives Account.

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

44 "(3) The School Stabilization Subaccount for Wildfire-impacted School Districts shall
 45 consist of moneys transferred to the subaccount from the Statewide Education Initiatives

1 Account.

2 (4) Moneys in the School Stabilization Subaccount for Wildfire-impacted School Districts are continuously appropriated to the Department of Education for the purpose described in 3 section 2 of this 2021 Act. 4

"SECTION 5. In addition to the uses of the Statewide Education Initiatives Account that 5 are authorized under ORS 327.254, the Department of Education shall transfer \$10 million 6 7 from the Statewide Education Initiatives Account to the School Stabilization Subaccount for Wildfire-impacted School Districts established by section 4 of this 2021 Act for the purpose 8 of awarding grants as provided by section 2 of this 2021 Act. 9

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

"SECTION 7. (1) On July 1, 2025, the School Stabilization Subaccount for Wildfire-11 impacted School Districts established by section 4 of this 2021 Act is abolished. 12

"(2) Any moneys remaining in the School Stabilization Subaccount for Wildfire-impacted 13School Districts on July 1, 2025, shall be transferred to the Statewide Education Initiatives 14 Account. 15

"SECTION 8. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 16 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect 1718 July 1, 2021.".

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