

## HB 2750 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Education

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/6

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires State Board of Education to adopt rule that prohibits fees or fundraising activities as a condition of participation in interscholastic activity. Prohibits school, school district, or association from preventing right to participate in interscholastic activities on the sole basis of failure to pay fees or participate in fundraising activities. Repeals requirement that public charter schools pay annual fee on a per student basis to school or school district that offers given student's interscholastic activity. Allows Oregon Department of Education to use Student Success Act funds to cover costs incurred by school district or public charter school resulting from prohibition on requiring fees or participation in fundraising activities for interscholastic activities. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

*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:

No amendment.

##### BACKGROUND:

Under ORS 339.460, interscholastic activities include:

- (A) For students in any grade from kindergarten through grade 12, athletics, music, speech and other similar or related activities.
- (B) For students in any grade from kindergarten through grade eight, activities that are offered only before or after regular school hours and that may, but are not required to, involve interaction among other schools.

Fees have been studied primarily in the context of interscholastic sports. A 2014 national survey found that the average fee for participation in interscholastic sports is \$126. Michigan and New Jersey introduced bills to prohibit or limit fees charged for participation in school sports programs prior to 2018, and California prohibits charging fees as the result of a 1984 lawsuit. According to a 2019 survey of state laws, no state besides California bans sport participation fees, and 17 states explicitly allow them. Other states have provisions for fee waivers for low-income students.

Oregon Senate Bill 208 (2017) prohibited school districts from denying participation in interscholastic activities to homeschooled students and students attending public charter schools, and introduced the annual fee that public charter schools are currently required to pay to the school or school district offering the activity. House Bill 2750 maintains the requirement that school districts allow the participation of students attending public charter schools, but repeals the annual fee that those schools pay.

HB 2750 prohibits requiring fees or fundraising activities as a condition of participation in interscholastic activity and allows ODE to use Student Success Act funds to cover costs resulting from that prohibition. Repeals annual fee paid by public charter schools for students participating in interscholastic activities at non-charter schools. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.