

HB 2710 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies provisions relating to school districts' financial reporting. Requires districts to submit description of expenditures using uniform budget and accounting system of funds received under certain statutes by September 1 of each year. Required reporting must include funds received under the following statutes:

- ORS 327.006-327.133 (State School Fund distributions);
- ORS 327.348 (High Cost Disability fund distributions);
- ORS 327.356-327.359 (Small School grants);
- ORS 327.731 (Education Project grants);
- ORS 328.542 (local district budgets); and
- ORS 530.115 (forest product rehabilitation revenues, distributed to county school fund).

Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to make information received available on its website in transparent, uniform, and readily accessible manner.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 1997, the Legislative Assembly enacted a requirement for the State Board of Education to establish a uniform budget and accounting system for school districts and education service districts. The Department of Education (ODE) maintains a *Program Budgeting and Accounting Manual* to assist districts in using the account code structure. The account code structure covers fund classification, function, object, operational unit, area of responsibility, sub-area, and revenue codes. The manual is written to conform with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), an industry standard for financial accounting and reporting.

House Bill 2710 imposes a requirement for public reporting of each expenditure by every school district under the uniform budget and accounting system, and a requirement that ODE make that information available on its website.