

**SB 858 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes formation of a special district, a children’s service district, with the authority to assess, levy and collect property taxes to pay the cost of children’s services within the boundaries of the district and to fund district operations. Requires district to discontinue any project if an action is filed asserting a valid claim that any revenue of a children’s service district funds a project constituting educational services, including support services.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Allows but does not require the formation of children’s service districts. As such, the measure has no direct impact on property tax revenues. Upon formation, children’s service districts will have the ability to assess, levy and collect ad valorem property taxes. If a children’s service district is formed and property taxes are imposed, then property taxes extended upon properties within the district’s boundaries would increase.

Requires petition for formation of children’s service district to be signed by greater of 10 percent or more of electors registered in territory or 100 electors. In any district with more than 200 electors, the district can be formed with a minority of electors that sign the petition in support of forming the district.

Defines “children’s services” as services that support children’s total health and well-being provided outside of school hours to individuals not more than 18 years of age.