

HB 2753 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Education

Carrier: Rep. Bowman

Action Date: 03/22/23

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 5-1-1-0

Yeas: 5 - Hudson, McIntire, Neron, Nguyen H, Wright

Nays: 1 - Cramer

Exc: 1 - Valderrama

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/6, 3/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits district school board to provide members with stipend of up to \$500 per month, adjusted according to Consumer Price Index. Permits individual board members to choose not to receive stipend. Permits board to reimburse actual and necessary expenses in addition to stipend. Requires board that does not provide stipend to reimburse actual and necessary expenses. Specifies that board member who receives stipend is not considered employee of school district and that stipend is not subject to prohibition on financial gain for public officials. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Time and cost of serving on school board

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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BACKGROUND:

Laws in states such as Washington, Colorado, and Michigan structure school board member compensation per day that the director or member attends board meetings or conducts board business ([RCW 28A.343.400](#), [Colorado HB 21-1055](#), [MCL 380.621](#)). California code limits board member compensation per month based on daily attendance in the district, and only permits members who attend all meetings to receive compensation ([California 35120 EDC](#)).

House Bill 2753 A permits district school boards to provide members with a stipend of up to \$500 per month, and requires districts that do not provide a stipend to reimburse expenses incurred in the performance of duties.