

HB 3014 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/29/23

Action: Do pass with amendments. Refer to Revenue, then to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Cramer, Hudson, McIntire, Neron, Nguyen H, Valderrama, Wright

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 2/20, 3/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines alternative transportation costs. Requires State Board of Education to adopt rules to determine amounts to reimburse school district for costs incurred in transporting students, including alternative transportation costs that are approved transportation costs. Specifies that reimbursement of costs related to public transportation is permitted only when no other transportation options are suitable and sufficient. Permits State Board of Education to waive requirement to provide transportation for elementary school students living more than one mile and secondary students living more than one and one-half miles from school only if school district presents plan for providing suitable and sufficient alternative transportation. Specifies that public transit passes cannot be used as alternative transportation options for elementary school students. Specifies required elements of waiver request from school district and conditions under which State Board of Education may approve supplemental plan or waiver request to use alternative transportation. Permits school district to provide alternative transportation without seeking reimbursement.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Risk of traffic deaths without crossing guards/pedestrian group leaders
- Workforce shortage for bus drivers
- Limitations on alternative transportation options in administrative rule
- Covering costs for transportation options for students within 1-1.5 mile radius of school

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Current law defines approved transportation costs for the purposes of State School Fund distributions (ORS 327.006). This definition limits costs to those attributable to transporting elementary school students living more than one mile from the school; secondary school students living more than one and one-half miles from the school; students required to be transported for health or safety reasons based on state board-approved supplemental plans; preschool children with disabilities; students who require room and board in lieu of transportation; and students participating in school-sponsored field trips. [OAR 581-023-0040](#) requires supplemental plans adopted by local school boards to identify specific groups or categories of students who live within the one and one-half mile limitations, and who require transportation based on health or safety reasons including special education. [ORS 327.043](#) permits the State Board of Education to waive the requirement to provide transportation for secondary school students and requires school districts to present a plan with suitable and sufficient alternative modes of transporting those students.

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House Bill 3014 A defines alternative transportation costs that can be reimbursed with State School Fund transportation grants and permits the State Board of Education to approve a school district's plan for alternative transportation only under certain conditions.