

SB 278 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/04/23

Action: Do pass and requesting referral to Finance and Revenue.

Vote: 6-1-0-0

Yeas: 6 - Anderson, Dembrow, Frederick, President Wagner, Robinson, Weber

Nays: 1 - Gelser Blouin

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 3/30, 4/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires separate calculation of virtual public charter school's weighted average daily membership (ADMw) if its school district had a decrease either in average daily membership (ADM) or weighted average daily membership (ADMw) from the prior school year. Applies to distributions for the 2022-2023 school year. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Calculation of weighted average daily membership
- Effects of COVID-related enrollment shifts

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Most of Oregon's school districts are primarily funded through distributions from the State School Fund. The amount of money allocated to each school district from the State School Fund is based on a formula that takes into account the total number of students attending school in that district (average daily membership, or ADM), the particular needs of the student population (weighted average daily membership, or ADMw), and the school district's available local revenues. The formula uses the greater of the current year's ADMw or prior year's ADMw. This practice is referred to as extended ADMw.

Senate Bill 743 (2021) required a separate calculation of a virtual public charter school's ADMw if its school district had a decrease in ADM the prior year. Senate Bill 278 adds a requirement for a separate calculation of a virtual public charter school's ADMw if its school district had a decrease in ADMw the previous year.