MEASURE NUMBER:HB 2456STATUS: A-EngrossedSUBJECT:Prohibiting use of school buses manufactured before April 1, 1977; creating Class Btraffic violation for operation of prohibited school bus.GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED:Wallowa School District 12 and Enterprise School District 21PREPARED BY:Adrienne SextonREVIEWED BY:Daron HillDATE:February 28, 2007

## **EXPENDITURES:** See Comments.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 1, 2008

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: This bill is not anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE:** This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**COMMENTS:** Wallowa School District 12 and Enterprise School District 21 contract for bus services with a private company that operates with school buses that were manufactured before April 1, 1977. It is reported that the company has begun replacing the old buses and it is anticipated that full compliance is achievable by August 1, 2008.

In the event that does not occur, the options for the two affected school districts are limited. The first option would be to contract with a different firm. One superintendent reports that the costs would be significantly higher than the current contract. The second option would be to acquire buses and operate them. The financial impact of this option has not been determined.