

**75TH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
SENATE FINANCE AND REVENUE COMMITTEE**

**MEASURE: SB 976 A
CARRIER: Sen. Hass**

REVENUE: Revenue Impact Issued

FISCAL: No Fiscal Impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and be Printed A-Engrossed

Vote: 5-0-0

Yeas: Hass, Morse, Rosenbaum, Telfer, Burdick

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 6/16

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Requires the Department of Education to grant a 10th grade assessment waiver to eligible school districts during the 2009-11 biennium. Makes a district eligible if the district had an assessment contract with an entity different from that used by the state in 2007-08 and the entity met the conditions for administering an assessment test in the most recent year and plans do so again in the waiver year. Makes a waiver valid for one school year and eligible for renewal. Requires the Department to reimburse the waiver districts for assessment costs out of the \$550,000 from the State School Fund that is otherwise allocated to ESDs. Repeals granting waivers on June 30, 2011. Takes effect July 1, 2009.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Adding a sunset date
- Use of alternative assessment test by school districts
- Continual use of same test for comparison purposes
- Avoiding students taking multiple assessment tests
- Competition between test providers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

Replaces the bill with the content described above.

BACKGROUND:

Legislation in the 2008 special session granted district waiver authority for 2008-09 without any specific funding.

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