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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3093 (INCLUDING AMENDMENTS TO RESOLVE CONFLICTS)

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete ", 338.095".

2 Delete lines 4 through 25 and delete pages 2 and 3.

3 On page 4, delete lines 1 through 13 and insert:

4 **"SECTION 1.** ORS 327.137 is amended to read:

"327.137. (1)(a) Every common or union high school district or education
service district shall file a copy of its audit report with the Department of
Education within six months of the end of the fiscal year for which the audit
is required. The audit report shall include:

"(A) Information necessary for the computation required in the
administration of ORS 327.006 to 327.133, 327.348, 327.731, 328.542 and
530.115 and this section; and

"(B) If the district is a sponsor of any public charter schools, a copy
of each annual audit forwarded to the district as required by ORS
338.095 (4).

"(b) If the audit report, as submitted to the district, fails to provide the detail necessary for the computation required in the administration of ORS 327.006 to 327.133, 327.348, 327.731, 328.542 and 530.115 and this section, the district shall submit the necessary information on forms provided by the department within the time prescribed for filing the audit in this section.

"(c) The Superintendent of Public Instruction may withhold any
 payments from the State School Fund for a public charter school that,

1 pursuant to ORS 338.155, are due to a district under ORS 327.095 if:

"(A) The audit report filed by the district fails to include the public
charter school annual audit as required by paragraph (a)(B) of this
subsection; and

6 (B) The district has not filed the public charter school annual au6 dit with the department by April 1.

"(d) If payments are withheld as provided by paragraph (c) of this
subsection, the superintendent may allow payments to be made from
the State School Fund to the district upon receipt of the annual audit
or upon the meeting of any other conditions identified by rule of the
State Board of Education.

"(e) Any district failing to file a copy of [*its*] an audit report under this
section or a report under ORS 327.133 [*shall*] may not receive any payments
from the State School Fund until [*such reports are*] the report is filed.

"(2) Notwithstanding the timeline provided by this section and pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of Education, the superintendent [of *Public Instruction*] may waive a reporting date or specify an alternative date to provide the audit report or information if a human-created disaster or a natural disaster affects the ability of a school district or an education service district to provide the audit report or information by a specified date.

²¹ "SECTION 2. ORS 338.105 is amended to read:

"338.105. (1) During the term of a charter, the sponsor may terminate the
 charter on any of the following grounds:

²⁴ "(a) Failure to meet the terms of an approved charter or this chapter.

25 "(b) Failure to meet the requirements for student performance stated in 26 the charter.

"(c) Failure to correct a violation of a federal or state law that is described in ORS 338.115.

²⁹ "(d) Failure to maintain insurance as described in the charter.

30 "(e) Failure to maintain financial stability.

"(f) Failure to maintain, for [*two*] one or more consecutive years, a sound
financial management system described in the proposal submitted under ORS
338.045 and incorporated into the written charter under ORS 338.065.

"(2)(a) If a charter is terminated under subsection (1) of this section, the
sponsor shall notify the public charter school governing body at least 60 days
prior to the proposed effective date of the termination. The notice shall state
the grounds for the termination.

"(b) If the grounds for termination include failure to maintain financial stability or failure to maintain a sound financial management
system, the sponsor and the public charter school may agree to develop a plan to correct deficiencies. Under a plan to correct deficiencies:

"(A) The public charter school may attempt to correct any defi ciencies related to financial stability or to a sound financial manage ment system by a date identified by the sponsor, which may not be less
 than 60 days from the date of the notice;

"(B) The proposed effective date of the termination may be extended to the date identified under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph;
"(C) The sponsor may withhold up to 50 percent of the moneys owed
to the public charter school while the public charter school is on the
plan to correct deficiencies unless the withholding would create an
undue hardship, as determined pursuant to rules of the State Board
of Education; and

"(D) The sponsor must hold in trust any moneys withheld under
 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph until:

"(i) The public charter school complies with the plan to correct
 deficiencies, at which time the public charter school is entitled to the
 moneys held in trust; or

"(ii) The public charter school fails to comply with the plan to
 correct deficiencies, at which time the charter is terminated and the

1 public charter school forfeits any claim to the moneys held in trust.

"(c) A deadline to correct deficiencies under paragraph (b)(A) of this
subsection may be extended by mutual agreement of the sponsor and
the public charter school.

"(d) The public charter school governing body may request a hearing by
the sponsor in relation to a termination of the charter or a plan to
correct deficiencies.

"(3) A public charter school governing body may appeal a decision of a
sponsor that is related to a termination of the charter or a plan to
correct deficiencies to:

"(a) The state board if the sponsor is an entity described in ORS 338.005
(5)(a) or (c). The board shall adopt by rule procedures to ensure a timely
appeals process to prevent disruption of students' education.

"(b) The circuit court pursuant to ORS 183.484 if the sponsor is the State
Board of Education.

"(4)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, a sponsor may terminate a charter immediately and close a public charter school if the public charter school is endangering the health or safety of the students enrolled in the public charter school.

"(b) The public charter school governing body may request a hearing from the sponsor on the termination of the charter under this subsection. The sponsor shall hold a hearing within 10 days after receiving the request.

"(c) The public charter school governing body may appeal a decision of
a sponsor under this subsection to the State Board of Education. The State
Board of Education shall hold a hearing within 10 days after receiving the
appeal request.

"(d) Throughout the appeals process, the public charter school shall remain closed at the discretion of the sponsor unless the State Board of Education orders the sponsor to open the public charter school and not terminate the charter. "(5) Termination of a charter shall not abridge the public charter school's
legal authority to operate as a private or nonchartered public school.

³ "(6) If a charter is terminated or a public charter school is dissolved:

"(a) The assets of the public charter school that were purchased with
public funds shall be given to the State Board of Education. The State Board
of Education may disburse the assets of the public charter school to school
districts or other public charter schools.

8 "(b) All student education records of the public charter school shall be 9 transferred to the administrative office of the school district in which the 10 public charter school was located.

"(7) A public charter school governing body may only terminate a charter, dissolve or close a public charter school at the end of a semester. If a charter is terminated by the public charter school governing body or a public charter school is closed or dissolved, the public charter school governing body shall notify the sponsor at least 180 days prior to the proposed effective date of the termination, closure or dissolution.

"<u>SECTION 3.</u> If House Bill 2150 becomes law, section 2 of this 2013
Act (amending ORS 338.105) is repealed and ORS 338.105, as amended
by section 10, chapter ___, Oregon Laws 2013 (Enrolled House Bill 2150),
is amended to read:

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charter on any of the following grounds:

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system, the sponsor and the public charter school may agree to develop a plan to correct deficiencies. Under a plan to correct deficiencies:

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"(C) The sponsor may withhold up to 50 percent of the moneys owed
to the public charter school while the public charter school is on the
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 correct deficiencies, at which time the charter is terminated and the
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the sponsor in relation to a termination of the charter or a plan to
correct deficiencies.

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sponsor under this section. The appeal shall be to:

9 "(a) The State Board of Education if the sponsor is an entity described
10 in ORS 338.005 (5)(a) or (c). The State Board of Education shall:

11 "(A) Review only:

"(i) The grounds for termination under this section as stated by the
 school district board; or

14 "(ii) A plan to correct deficiencies; and

"(B) Adopt by rule procedures to ensure a timely appeals process to pre vent disruption of students' education.

"(b) The circuit court pursuant to ORS 183.484 if the sponsor is the State
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