

SB 803 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Smith Warner

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 07/06/17

Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 6-0-3-0

Yeas: 6 - Barreto, Holvey, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Williamson

Exc: 3 - Hack, Kennemer, McLane

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Considers foreign exchange students, who reside in dormitories operated by school districts in Oregon, to be residents of school district for school purposes including receipt of State School Funds. Sunsets July 1, 2018. Directs Oregon Department of Education to report to Legislative Assembly on State School Fund distributions made to school districts for foreign exchange students, who reside in dormitories operated by a school district. Declares emergency, effective on July 1, 2017.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of issue in legislature
- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In Oregon, children who are foreign exchange students and reside in dormitories operated by school districts are considered residents of school districts for funding purposes. There are at least five school districts in Oregon that rely on dormitories to house foreign exchange students. These include the following districts: Ukiah, Spray, Mitchell, Burnt River and Paisley. Districts that host these students will be allowed to receive funding for those students. The State School Fund distribution formula distributes the legislatively appropriated budget to school districts based on the number of students the district has as well as specific characteristics of those students. However, the provision relating to foreign exchange students residing in dormitories sunsets at the end of this biennium and it has been renewed on a biennial basis.

Senate Bill 803-A allows foreign exchange students, who reside in dormitories operated by school districts, to be counted as residents of the school district until the extension sunsets on July 1, 2018. The Oregon Department of Education is required to submit a report to the education committees of the Legislative Assembly by March 1, 2018 on the State School Fund distributions made to districts for foreign exchange students who reside in a dormitory.