

SB 151 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Hass

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 02/04/19
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Gelser, Hass, Heard, Wagner
Exc: 1 - Thomsen
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 1/30, 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Updates the statutory listing of education service districts (ESDs) to reflect the 2003 and 2011 ESD mergers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- ESD statewide presence
- Consortium to Reduce Chronic Absenteeism
- ESD Support Network
- ESD governance

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon has 19 education service districts (ESDs) serving 36 counties. ESDs provide regional educational services to component school districts, including early intervention, low-incidence disability, special education, and college and career readiness. In 1991, the legislature passed the ESD Reorganization Act which required the merger of 29 ESDs into 21 ESDs. Since that time, two more mergers have occurred: in 2003, Yamhill ESD merged with Willamette ESD, and Union-Baker ESD and Umatilla-Morrow ESD merged to form the Intermountain ESD in 2011. Senate Bill 151 would update the statutory list of ESDs to reflect these changes.