

SB 905 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/08/19

Action: Without recommendation as to passage and request referral to Rules.

Vote: 4-0-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Gelser, Heard, Thomsen, Wagner

Exc: 1 - Hass

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires child who is voluntarily placed in foster care to be resident of school district where child is placed, as specified. Requires public and private placement agencies to collaborate with school district. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Moving measure to Senate Committee on Rules

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2017, 7,831 Oregon children were in foster care on an average daily basis. A child may enter foster care through an involuntary or voluntary placement. Oregon law provides a child with involuntary placement should attend their original school unless it is in the best interest of the child to enroll in another school district. In the case of a voluntary placement, Oregon law is silent on where the child should go to school. Senate Bill 905 requires children who are voluntarily placed in foster care to enroll in the school districts where they reside if their placement agreement provides that they are no longer residents of their original school districts.