

SB 804 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires school districts to ensure that at least 50 percent of their expenditures are paid as compensation to teachers of core academic subjects or manual skills. Effective July 1, 2022.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- School spending
- Content of school days

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's school districts are primarily funded through distributions from the State School Fund. The amount of money each school district is allocated from the State School Fund is based on a formula that takes into account the total number of students attending school in that district (average daily membership, or ADM), the particular needs of the student population (weighted average daily membership, or ADMw), and the school district's available local revenues. The state does not direct State School Fund dollars be spent in specific ways. Instead, districts are required to engage in a budget process that includes community engagement. Additionally, staff salaries are primarily the result of negotiated collective bargaining agreements that each districts negotiates with its local union. Senate Bill 804 requires each district to spend 50 percent of its expenditures as compensation to teachers of core academic subjects or manual skills.