

Requested by Representative NATHANSON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2630**

1 After line 3 of the printed bill, insert:

2 “Whereas wildfires raged through several Oregon communities in 2020,  
3 causing devastation to the communities and to families and public schools  
4 in the communities; and

5 “Whereas many of these wildfire-impacted communities are overrepre-  
6 sented by populations historically marginalized because of poverty, housing  
7 insecurity, race or ethnicity; and

8 “Whereas as many as 80 percent of students in some wildfire-impacted  
9 school districts lost their permanent housing and all of their belongings; and

10 “Whereas the families in these wildfire-impacted communities lost power,  
11 Internet access, television service and telephone service; and

12 “Whereas many families of students who are residents of wildfire-  
13 impacted school districts had to relocate to stable housing outside of the  
14 school district in the aftermath of this tragedy; and

15 “Whereas the schools of these wildfire-impacted areas are the hearts of  
16 the communities and are critical to their efforts to rebuild; and

17 “Whereas Oregon’s commitment to its most vulnerable students has been  
18 matched with renewed commitment to educational funding through the Stu-  
19 dent Success Act; and

20 “Whereas school districts severely impacted by the devastation of the 2020  
21 wildfires in the midst of the global COVID-19 pandemic have a uniquely ur-

1 gent need to have stable funding over five years to enable them to fully re-  
2 cover; now, therefore,”.

3 Delete lines 5 through 29 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 4 of this 2021 Act are added to and**  
5 **made a part of ORS chapter 327.**

6 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, ‘ADMw’ means the**  
7 **weighted average daily membership of a school district, as calculated**  
8 **under ORS 327.013, minus any ADMw attributable to a virtual public**  
9 **charter school, as defined in ORS 338.005.**

10 **“(2) In addition to distributing moneys through the State School**  
11 **Fund and the Student Investment Account, the Department of Edu-**  
12 **cation shall award grants to wildfire-impacted school districts as pro-**  
13 **vided by this section.**

14 **“(3) A school district may apply for a grant under this section if:**

15 **“(a) The average daily membership of the school district, as com-**  
16 **pared to the average daily membership of the school district for the**  
17 **2019-2020 school year, decreased for any school year occurring after the**  
18 **2019-2020 school year; and**

19 **“(b) The school district can demonstrate that one or more of the**  
20 **following occurred:**

21 **“(A) One or more school buildings of the school district were dam-**  
22 **aged as the result of wildfires and that damage resulted in students**  
23 **being displaced from the building or the building being closed to stu-**  
24 **dents;**

25 **“(B) The cause of the decrease in average daily membership was the**  
26 **result of damage to students’ permanent homes and the relocation of**  
27 **students to housing outside of the school district; or**

28 **“(C) Any other circumstances identified by the State Board of Ed-**  
29 **ucation by rule as being directly related to the wildfires and causing**  
30 **a decrease in the average daily membership.**

1       **“(4) The amount of a grant awarded under this section shall equal**  
2 **the sum of:**

3       **“(a) The difference between the following, in relation to distrib-**  
4 **utions from the State School Fund under ORS 327.013:**

5       **“(A) The amount distributed to the school district from the State**  
6 **School Fund under ORS 327.013, as calculated based on a district ex-**  
7 **tended ADMw that equals the district ADMw for the 2019-2020 school**  
8 **year; and**

9       **“(B) The amount distributed to the school district from the State**  
10 **School Fund under ORS 327.013, as calculated based on a district ex-**  
11 **tended ADMw that equals the district ADMw for the current school**  
12 **year; and**

13       **“(b) The difference between the following, in relation to distrib-**  
14 **utions from the Student Investment Account under ORS 327.195:**

15       **“(A) The amount distributed to the school district from the Student**  
16 **Investment Account under ORS 327.195, as calculated based on a dis-**  
17 **trict extended ADMw that equals the district ADMw for the 2019-2020**  
18 **school year; and**

19       **“(B) The amount distributed to the school district from the Student**  
20 **Investment Account under ORS 327.195, as calculated based on a dis-**  
21 **trict extended ADMw that equals the district ADMw for the current**  
22 **school year.**

23       **“(5) Notwithstanding ORS 327.013 and 327.195, if a school district**  
24 **receives a grant under this section, the district extended ADMw of the**  
25 **school district for purposes of calculating State School Fund distrib-**  
26 **utions under ORS 327.013 and Student Investment Account distrib-**  
27 **utions under ORS 327.195 shall equal the ADMw of the current school**  
28 **year.**

29       **“(6) A school district may qualify for a grant under this section only**  
30 **for school years in which the average daily membership of the school**

1 district for the current school year is less than the average daily  
2 membership of the school district for the 2019-2020 school year.

3 “(7) The department shall award grants under this section from  
4 moneys available in the School Stabilization Account for Wildfire-  
5 impacted School Districts established under section 4 of this 2021 Act.

6 “(8) The State Board of Education shall adopt any rules necessary  
7 for the administration of this section.

8 **“SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this 2021 Act applies to State School Fund  
9 distributions made for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2023-2025  
10 school years.

11 **“SECTION 4.** (1) The School Stabilization Account for Wildfire-  
12 impacted School Districts is established within the Statewide Educa-  
13 tion Initiatives Account.

14 “(2) Interest earned on the School Stabilization Account for  
15 Wildfire-impacted School Districts shall be credited to the account.

16 “(3) The School Stabilization Account for Wildfire-impacted School  
17 Districts shall consist of moneys transferred to the account from the  
18 Statewide Education Initiatives Account.

19 “(4) Moneys in the School Stabilization Account for Wildfire-  
20 impacted School Districts are continuously appropriated to the De-  
21 partment of Education for the purpose described in section 2 of this  
22 2021 Act.

23 **“SECTION 5.** In addition to the uses of the Statewide Education  
24 Initiatives Account that are authorized under ORS 327.254, the De-  
25 partment of Education shall transfer \$7.5 million from the Statewide  
26 Education Initiatives Account to the School Stabilization Account for  
27 Wildfire-impacted School Districts established by section 4 of this 2021  
28 Act for the purpose of awarding grants as provided by section 2 of this  
29 2021 Act.

30 **“SECTION 6.** Sections 2 and 4 of this 2021 Act are repealed on July

1 1, 2025.

2 **“SECTION 7. (1) On July 1, 2025, the School Stabilization Account**  
3 **for Wildfire-impacted School Districts established by section 4 of this**  
4 **2021 Act is abolished.**

5 **“(2) Any moneys remaining in the School Stabilization Account for**  
6 **Wildfire-impacted School Districts on July 1, 2025, shall be transferred**  
7 **to the Statewide Education Initiatives Account.**

8 **“SECTION 8. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate**  
9 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**  
10 **declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect July 1, 2021.”.**

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