

HB 3014 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires State Board of Education to adopt rules to determine amount to reimburse school districts for cost of transporting students. Requires rules to allow for reimbursement of certain costs, including public transit passes, payment for crossing guards and pedestrian or bicycle group leaders, and payment for promotion and coordination of alternative transportation options. Prohibits districts from receiving more in reimbursement for alternative transportation options than would have been received for traditional transportation options. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current law defines approved transportation costs for the purposes of State School Fund distributions (ORS 327.006). This definition limits costs to those attributable to transporting elementary school students living more than 1 mile from the school; secondary school students living more than 1.5 miles from the school; students required to be transported for health or safety reasons based on state board-approved supplemental plans; preschool children with disabilities; students who require room and board in lieu of transportation; and students participating in school-sponsored field trips.

House Bill 3014 requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules determining the amount to reimburse school districts for the costs of transporting students, including alternative transportation costs such as public transit passes and payment for crossing guards and pedestrian or bicycle group leaders.