

SB 271 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires district boundary boards to submit school district boundary data to Oregon Department of Education. Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to make available to public a record of community college district boundaries. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of collecting boundary data at the state level
- Oregon School Boards Association maps

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under current law, county governing bodies are named as the district boundary boards responsible for establishing school district boundaries. Official records of boundaries are maintained by each county separately, and no official statewide set of school district boundary data exists. Senate Bill 271 establishes the Oregon Department of Education as the recipient of a statewide set of school district boundary data and requires the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to publish boundary data for community college districts.