

HB 2257 -2, -5 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes School Safety Construction Fund in State Treasury. To the extent practicable, requires Legislative Assembly to allocate moneys retained under Article IX, Section 14 (3) of the Oregon Constitution to the Fund. Establishes requirements for Fund and allowable uses for school district grants. Takes effect on the 91st day after sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Adds sprinkler systems. Removes requirement that ODE prioritize projects for which district has unsuccessfully sought other funding. Removes audit requirement. Adds eligibility for education service districts, Oregon School for the Deaf, and school districts that apply on behalf of charter schools. Adds blank appropriation.

-5 Removes provisions relating to corporate kicker. Adds sprinkler systems. Removes requirement that ODE prioritize projects for which district has unsuccessfully sought other funding. Removes audit requirement. Adds eligibility for education service districts, Oregon School for the Deaf, and school districts that apply on behalf of charter schools. Adds blank appropriation.

BACKGROUND:

The 1979 Legislative Assembly enacted a surplus kicker statute along with a spending limit and a tax plan. Voters approved this package in the 1980 primary election. The 1999 Legislative Assembly referred a constitutional amendment placing much of the kicker statute in the Oregon Constitution. Voters approved that amendment in November 2000. The constitutional provision first applied to the kicker calculation following the 2001-2003 biennium. In 2012, Oregonians passed Ballot Measure 85 requiring the corporate kicker be dedicated to public K-12 education. Then in 2013, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 2325, directing excess revenues from corporate income and excise taxes to the State School Fund.

House Bill 2257 establishes a new fund for construction projects related to school safety and requires the Legislative Assembly, to the extent practicable, to allocate corporate kicker to the new fund.