

HB 2753 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits district school board to provide members with stipend of up to \$1,000 per month, adjusted according to Consumer Price Index (CPI). Requires district school board that does not provide stipend to reimburse actual and necessary expenses incurred by member in performance of duties. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Time and opportunity cost of serving on school board

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Permits district school board to provide members with stipend of up to \$500 per month, adjusted according to Consumer Price Index. Permits individual board members to choose not to receive stipend. Permits board to reimburse actual and necessary expenses in addition to stipend. Requires board that does not provide stipend to reimburse actual and necessary expenses. Specifies that board member who receives stipend is not considered employee of school district and that stipend is not subject to prohibition on financial gain for public officials.

BACKGROUND:

Laws in states such as Washington, Colorado, and Michigan structure school board member compensation per day that the director or member attends board meetings or conducts board business (RCW 28A.343.600, Colorado HB21-1055, MCL 380.621). California code limits board member compensation per month based on daily attendance in the district, and only permits members who attend all meetings to receive compensation (California EDC 35120).

HB 2753 permits district school boards to provide members with a stipend of up to \$1,000 per month, or to reimburse expenses incurred in the performance of duties. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.