

SB 278 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies calculation methods of the current year's weighted average daily membership (ADMw) when a virtual public charter school-sponsoring school district has a decrease in ADMw as compared to the previous school year. First applies to the 2022-23 State School Fund distributions. Takes effect on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 327.013 (1)(c) states that the [school] district extended ADMw = ADMw [of the current year] or ADMw of the prior year, whichever is greater. The use of the extended ADMw ensures funding stability for school districts, especially in the case of declining ADMw.

This measure is an effort to ensure funding stability for a brick and mortar school district that sponsors a virtual public charter school whose enrollment could swing wildly. Under current law, a virtual school sponsoring school district qualifies for an extended ADMw when its ADM declines in the current school year regardless of what's happening to the virtual school enrollment and associated ADMw. A case arises where a virtual school sponsoring school district cannot qualify for an extended ADMw when it faces a slight increase in ADM but a decline in ADMw. This situation is addressed in this measure so that such school district continues to qualify for an extended ADMw calculation.