

## HB 3014 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Rules

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**Meeting Dates:** 6/20

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Defines alternative transportation. Defines active transportation and declares it a form of alternative transportation. Requires State Board of Education to adopt rules for distribution of State School Fund transportation grants that allow for reimbursement of alternative transportation costs. Specifies that alternative transportation costs must be part of supplemental plan or waiver approved by State Board of Education. Requires additional documentation for approval of alternative transportation costs related to public transportation. Permits State Board of Education to waive transportation requirements only if school district presents plan for providing suitable and sufficient alternative transportation. Specifies required elements of waiver request from school district and conditions under which State Board of Education may approve supplemental plan or waiver request to use alternative transportation. Permits school district to provide alternative transportation without seeking reimbursement. Applies to approved transportation costs incurred on or after July 1, 2024.

*FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued*

*REVENUE: Revenue impact issued*

*HOUSE VOTE: Ayes, 55; Excused, 3; Excused for Business of the House, 2*

#### **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 one mile from the school; secondary school students living more than one and one-half 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. [OAR 581-023-0040](#) requires supplemental plans adopted by local school boards to identify specific groups or categories of students who live within the one and one-half mile limitations, and who require transportation based on health or safety reasons including special education. [ORS 327.043](#) permits the State Board of Education to waive the requirement to provide transportation for secondary school students and requires school districts to present a plan with suitable and sufficient alternative modes of transporting those students.

House Bill 3014 B defines alternative transportation costs that can be reimbursed with State School Fund transportation grants and permits the State Board of Education to approve a school district's plan for alternative transportation. Alternative transportation costs must be no more than 5% of approved total transportation costs and must not increase the district's projected approved transportation costs.