



Oregon Women's Rights Coalition

HB 2009 A and Discussions

Co-Chair Meek, Co-Chair Nathanson and members of the Committee

After listening to the hearing on HB 2009-A I would like to suggest what might be a "simple" fix for the fee at year 4 and 5 for the Enterprise Zone and year 6 and beyond for the Long-Term Rural Enterprise Zone.

School district's annual financial statements or audits should include the amount of abated property tax. Some are better than others. However, the assessors and tax collectors must have that information. It is sometime hard to decipher but it is there.

So why have a negotiated fee.

As part of the original agreement the statement could be: For year four and 5 of the Enterprise Zone agreement the affected business will pay ninety percent of the taxes due for K-12 school districts affected by the agreement.

The Long-Term Rural Enterprise zone wording could be similar.

Therefore, if all businesses and zones are treated the same it will simplify the calculation and there would be no need for "negotiation".

Then maintain the same dollar amount for the State School Fund plus inflation, add in the new local dollar values and you will have a higher dollar amount to divide to serve the 500,000 students in Oregon.

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