

## **SB 223 -5 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Education**

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

The measure requires the Oregon Department of Education to design a memorial plaque recognizing and honoring Senator Peter Courtney's contributions to seismic rehabilitation funding for schools. It requires the Oregon Business Development Department to provide a list of schools that have received distributions from the Education Seismic Fund and requires qualifying schools to display the memorial plaque.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Senator Peter Courtney's contributions to seismic safety
- Potential fiscal implications of the measure

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-5 The amendment establishes funding for the plaques and eliminates requirements that the plaques be made of durable materials and posted outdoors.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In 1991, Senate Bill 96 created the Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission (OSSPAC). In 2000, Senator Peter Courtney was appointed to OSSPAC, beginning his legislative work on seismic rehabilitation and preparedness. In 2005, Senator Courtney was the Chief Sponsor of Senate Bill 4, which appropriated funding for seismic rehabilitation of schools.