SB 983 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 3/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure allows public officials to vote on the adoption of a local budget that includes providing compensation or benefits to the public official or a relative after publicly announcing the nature of the conflict of interest.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

<u>House Bill 2753 (2023)</u> allowed school district boards to provide members with monthly stipends. After passage of that measure, the Oregon Government Ethics Commission issued Advice No. 23-342i outlining conflicts of interest and offering four options for how school board members could adopt stipends, including adopting stipends for future members, voting on individual resolutions for each board member, referring the issue to voters, or passage of legislation that would remove the conflict of interest.