

SB 982 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

This measure establishes standards under which school districts may use public funds to place a student in an out-of-state agency. The standards include licensing criteria and the inclusion of certain provisions in the school district's contract with the agency. The measure also requires school districts to review their contracts prior to placing students with an agency, and does not apply to other states' schools for the deaf or schools for the blind. It allows the Department of Human Services to charge school districts for licensing, investigation, and oversight costs. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Experiences of Oregon students
- Prior legislation

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2020's 1st Special Session the Legislative Assembly enacted [Senate Bill 1605](#), which allowed the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to place children or youth in facilities outside of Oregon if the placement complied with Oregon requirements, if ODHS had a contract with the agency, and if the contract met specified requirements.