

SB 978 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires school districts and education service districts to prepare annual reports summarizing the legal expenditures of the district and the legal processes involved. The measure specifies the content included within the report. The measure requires the district to publish the report and provide copies of the report to the respective district board and the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) by October 15 of each year. The measure requires ODE to compile the reports into a single report, publish the report on ODE website, summarize the single report, and submit the summary to the Legislative Assembly by January 15 of the following year. The measure becomes operative in the 2025-2026 school year.

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:

Legal expenditures include attorney fees, court expenditures, and other legal costs such as expert witnesses and documents discovery. Attorneys fees can be hourly, flat fee, and contingent fee in most cases. Legal expenditures can impact school district budgets.