

HB 3149 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure extends grants for districts impacted by enrollment changes due to wildfire for an additional four school years, until the 2028-2029 school year. It also transfers \$38.5 million from the Statewide Education Initiatives Account to the School Stabilization Subaccount for Wildfire-impacted School Districts. It declares an emergency and takes effect July 1, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of wildfire
- Financial implications of enrollment declines

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces the measure. The measure extends grants for districts impacted by enrollment changes due to wildfire for an additional school year, until the 2025-2026 school year. It also transfers \$9.1 million from the Statewide Education Initiatives Account to the School Stabilization Subaccount for Wildfire-impacted School Districts. It declares an emergency and takes effect July 1, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

[House Bill 4026 \(2022\)](#) provided for grants to qualified wildfire-impacted school districts to cover funding decreases resulting from reductions in districts' enrollment as compared to the 2019-2020 school year that were caused by specified wildfires. Analysis by the Legislative Revenue Office in 2022 indicated that four school districts were impacted. The legislation provided grants for four school years, beginning in 2021-2022.