

SB 983 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 4/23, 5/5

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure
- Adoption of local budgets
- Procedures for declaring conflict of interest
- House Bill 2753 (2023)
- Provisions of amendment
- OGEC complaints and complaint process; advice to local officials

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment adds an emergency clause to the measure.

BACKGROUND:

[House Bill 2753 \(2023\)](#) 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.