

## SB 223 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Education

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**Action Date:** 02/24/25

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. Refer to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng).

**Vote:** 4-1-0-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Frederick, Gelser Blouin, Sollman, Weber

**Nays:** 1 - Robinson

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 1/29, 2/24

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Business Development Department to create memorial plaques recognizing and honoring Senator Peter Courtney's contributions to seismic rehabilitation funding for schools. It requires the Oregon Business Development Department to distribute plaques to schools that have received distributions from the Education Seismic Fund, requires qualifying schools to display the memorial plaque, and provides funding methods for the plaques.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Senator Peter Courtney's contributions to seismic safety
- Potential fiscal implications of the measure

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment establishes funding for the plaques and eliminates requirements that the plaques be made of durable materials and posted outdoors. It also requires the Oregon Business Development Department to create and distribute the plaques instead of the Oregon Department of Education.

#### BACKGROUND:

In 1991, Senate Bill 96 created the Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission (OSSPAC). In 2000, Senator Peter Courtney was appointed to OSSPAC, beginning his legislative work on seismic rehabilitation and preparedness. In 2005, Senator Courtney was the Chief Sponsor of Senate Bill 4, which appropriated funding for seismic rehabilitation of schools.