

## **SB 983 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Education**

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**Action Date:** 03/24/25

**Action:** Without recommendation as to passage and request referral to Rules.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Frederick, Gelser Blouin, Robinson, Sollman, Weber

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/17, 3/24

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#### **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:**

- House Bill 2753 (2023) provisions
- Stipends for school board members
- Education service district board members
- Staggered terms of office and their impact on stipend votes
- Application of Senate Bill 983 to a wide array of local officials and boards
- Appropriateness of Rules Committee as forum to consider the measure

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **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.