

Board Member Stipends Frequently Asked Questions

What was the change in statute intended to do?

Previously, ORS 332.018 prohibited board members from receiving any compensation from the district. During the 2023 Legislative session, House Bill 2753 was passed. This law removed the prohibition on compensation and allows school district boards to provide each “voting member of the board with a stipend in an amount determined by the board, not to exceed \$500 per month.”

What is the procedure for a board to take up this topic?

While the bill grants the board the authority to make this decision, the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) has determined that the board voting on stipends could create a conflict of interest under ORS 244.020. See [Oregon Government Ethics Commission Advice No. 23-342I](#). OGEC has outlined potential ways for the board to vote on this, but they come with challenges. OSBA is working on a legislative fix in 2025 to simplify the process for school boards.

Do we have to wait for the 2025 Legislative Session to do this?

While OSBA recommends waiting for a potential legislative solution, boards can work with legal counsel if they desire to implement prior to 2025.

What does this mean ESDs, community colleges and charter schools?

HB 2753 only changes the law and authorizes stipends for school district board members.

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