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House Bill 2243

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG; Representatives SMITH DB, SMITH G (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to public libraries; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 310.156 and 357.400.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 357.400 is amended to read:

357.400. As used in ORS 357.400 to 357.621:

(1) "Governing body" means the board, commission, council or other body which governs the local government unit.

(2) "Local government unit" means any city, county, library service district established under ORS chapter 451, school district, community college district or a library district established under ORS 357.216 to 357.286.

(3) "Public library" [or "*public library system*"] means a public agency [*responsible for providing and making accessible to all residents of a local government unit library and information services suitable to persons of all ages*] **that provides to all residents of a local government unit free and equal access to library and information services that are suitable for persons of all ages.**

SECTION 2. Section 3 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 357.400 to 357.621.

SECTION 3. (1) The State Library Board shall establish minimum conditions that a public library must meet.

(2) The conditions established under this section must, at least:

(a) Include financial support from public funds and regularly scheduled open hours; and

(b) Provide reasonable exemptions to libraries with service populations of 2,000 or fewer residents of the local government unit.

SECTION 4. ORS 310.156 is amended to read:

310.156. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 310.155 and for purposes of ORS 310.150, taxes levied or imposed by a community college district to provide a public library system established prior to September 9, 1995, shall be considered to be levied or imposed for the purpose of funding government operations other than the public school system.

(2) As used in this section, "public library system" has the meaning given the term in ORS 357.400 (1993 Edition).

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