

**SISKIYOU UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 21-22-18
DECLARATION OF RURAL STATUS FOR PURPOSES OF
EXEMPTION FROM SENATE BILL 328 (PORTANTINO)**

WHEREAS, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 328, authored by California State Senator Anthony Portantino, on October 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 328 went into effect on January 1, 2020 as Chapter 868, Statutes of 2019; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 328 prohibits the school day for high schools, including high schools operated as charter schools, from beginning earlier than 8:30 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 328 defines “school day” as having the same meaning as defined by the school district or charter school for purposes of calculating average daily attendance in order to compute any apportionments of state funding; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 328 requires that the specified start times would need to be implemented by Siskiyou Union High School District (SUHSD) in high schools no later than July 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 328 exempts rural school districts from the required start times; and

WHEREAS, SUHSD is comprised of small rural communities and forests in Siskiyou County; and

WHEREAS, SUHSD is located in Siskiyou County; and

WHEREAS, the population of Siskiyou County according to the United States Census Bureau as of the 2020 decennial census is 44,500; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau defines Rural Area as one that is not included in an Urbanized Area, which is defined as an area with an urban nucleus of 50,000 or more people and a population density of 1,000 people/square mile; and

WHEREAS, the communities of Happy Camp, McCloud, Mount Shasta, Weed and Siskiyou County have population densities that define them as rural;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Board of the Siskiyou Union High School District declares that the Siskiyou Union High School District is a rural school district for the purposes of Senate Bill 328, and as such the district is therefore exempt from the bill’s requirements on school start times.

PASSED on this 16th day of February 2022, by the Siskiyou Union High School Board of Trustees.

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

President, SUHSD Board of Trustees

Attest: _____
Board Secretary