

SB 594 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits school districts from using monitoring software related to a student's computer usage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

At the end of the 2019-2020 school year and for most of the 2020-2021 school year, the majority of Oregon's K-12 students have been engaged in comprehensive distance learning, in which teachers have provided instruction remotely through online conferencing platforms such as Zoom. Districts have distributed computers and internet hotspots to students to enable them to engage in comprehensive distance learning, although many families have provided their own devices. Senate Bill 594 prevents a school district from monitoring a student's computer usage via specified software.