

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
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Meeting Dates:	5/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs school districts to award high school diploma to student who has fulfilled graduation requirements in less than four years or advance student to next grade level if student meets credit requirements upon student request and with consent of student's parent or guardian. Declares an emergency; effective July 1, 2007.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: HB 2606-A allows school districts to award a high school diploma to a student who has fulfilled the graduation requirements set by the State Board of Education and requirements set by the school district in less than four years. To do so, a student must request early graduation and receive their parent's or guardian's consent. The bill would exempt students who graduate early from compulsory public school attendance. HB 2606-A would also allow a student to request advancement to the next grade level if a student meets the requirements for the current grade level and the student's parent or guardian consents.

ORS 329.447 currently states that "[a]t or before grade 12, a diploma shall be conferred upon all students completing the requirements established by the State Board of Education and the school districts." Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-022-1130 (8)(a) requires twelve years of schooling "except when the school district adopts policies for early or delayed completion of all state and school district credit and performance requirements." OAR 581-022-1130 also states that "[e]ach district school board with jurisdiction over high school programs shall award diplomas to all students who fulfill all state requirements as described in sections (1)-(8) of this rule and all local school district requirements as described in district school board policies."

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