

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: No fiscal impact**

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<b>Action:</b>	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules
<b>Vote:</b>	3 - 0 - 2
<b>Yeas:</b>	Beyer, Prozanski, Burdick
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Kruse, Walker
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/30

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires schools to adopt policies prohibiting and procedures for reporting acts of “cyberbullying.” Defines “cyberbullying” to mean the use of any electronic communication device to harass, intimidate or bully.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** ORS 339.356 requires schools to adopt policies prohibiting and procedures for reporting harassment, intimidation or bullying. ORS 339.351 defines “harassment, intimidation or bullying” to mean “any act that substantially interferes with a student’s educational benefits, opportunities or performance, that takes place on or immediately adjacent to school grounds,” and that either harms a student, knowingly places a student in reasonable fear of physical harm” or creates a “hostile educational environment. HB 2637 A would require schools to prohibit and adopt procedures to report the act of “cyberbullying,” which is defined to mean harassment, intimidation or bullying through the use of an electronic communication device.