

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	4 - 1 - 0
Yeas:	Avakian, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Brown
Nays:	Ferrioli
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	6/7, 6/11

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Actions that may be considered cyberbullying
- Safety of children in schools
- Freedom of speech and expression
- Use of electronic devices to commit crimes against children

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: ORS 339.356 requires schools to adopt policies prohibiting, and procedures for reporting and investigating, 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 2637A requires schools to adopt policies prohibiting “cyberbullying,” which is defined to mean harassment, intimidation or bullying through the use of an electronic communication device.