

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Westlund, Walker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requests U.S. Secretary of Education and U.S. Department of Education work with Oregon when determining adequate yearly progress for 2006-2007 school year if Oregon assessment scores or participation rates suggest disruption caused by discontinuation of service by assessment contractor.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Status of lawsuit
- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: HJM 3-A refers to ongoing communication between the Oregon Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) with the U.S. Department of Education over the disruption of Oregon's state student assessment system. Oregon's online assessment system, the Technology Enhanced Student Assessment (TESA), has been the subject of a contract dispute between ODE and the contractor, Vantage Learning. The dispute began in 2006 and culminated with the contractor's decision to discontinue providing access to Oregon students to TESA on or about March 9, 2007. In response, ODE reinstated paper-and-pencil testing. There is an ongoing legal dispute between ODE and Vantage Learning.