

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 9 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Dembrow, Harker, Huffman, Komp, Maurer, Roblan, Sprenger, Thatcher, Gelser

Nays: 0

Exc.: VanOrman

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Meeting Dates: 2/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts students from meeting increased graduation requirements if they entered grade nine during the 2005-2006 school year, attended school in each of the three subsequent years, and receive diplomas before July 1, 2010. Allows these students additional year to complete diploma requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Support for new standards
- Exempt students of previous classes from new requirements.
- One year limitation discourages older adults returning for diploma after July 1, 2010

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In 2005, Legislature increased the minimum graduation credits from 22 to 24, requiring an additional credit in both math and English, effective for students graduating after June 30, 2009. Legislation did not take into account students who may not complete credits on time and would be required to meet new standards to graduate.