

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Bonamici, Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Hass
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 3/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Waives increased graduation requirements for students who began grade nine during the 2005-2006 school year, attended school during the 2006-2007, 2007-2008, and 2008-2009 school years and receive a diploma prior to July 1, 2010. Declares an emergency; effective June 30, 2009.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Incorporation of future graduation requirement changes through rulemaking process
- Number of students affected

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In 2005, the Legislative Assembly increased the minimum number of credits required for graduation from 22 to 24, requiring an additional credit in both math and English, effective for students graduating after June 30, 2009. The 2005 legislation stated that the new requirements applied to students entering high school in the 2007-2008 school year. It did not include provisions for students who did not graduate on time and would be held to the higher requirements to graduate.