

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means
<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 3 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Dembrow, Harker, Huffman, Komp, Roblan, VanOrman, Gelser
<b>Nays:</b>	Maurer, Sprenger, Thatcher
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/2, 3/4

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs school districts to provide age-appropriate sex education courses in all public elementary and secondary schools as an integral part of the health education curriculum. Requires that sex education instruction be medically accurate. Expands the required topics to be covered by sex education courses. Requires that information about HIV, hepatitis B and C, and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) be presented in a manner designed to allay fears concerning risks that are scientifically groundless. Mandates that schools promote abstinence, for school-age youth, and mutually monogamous relationships with an uninfected partner, for adults, as the most effective way to prevent pregnancy and the transmission of STDs. Requires that the sex education course include a discussion of the characteristics of the emotional, physical and psychological aspects of a healthy relationship and the benefits of delaying pregnancy beyond the adolescent years as a means to better ensure a healthy future for parents and children. Mandates that sex education include statistics based on the latest medical information regarding the health benefits and the possible side effects of all forms of contraceptives. Requires that students be provided statistics-based and up-to-date medical information regarding the efficacy of all methods of sexual protection in preventing HIV and other STDs. Directs schools to provide students with information about Oregon laws that address young people's rights and responsibilities related to childbearing and parenting. Establishes applicability to the 2009-2010 school year. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2009.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Research based data regarding sexual education
- Effect of the measure on administrative rule
- Information to students about financial responsibility related to childbearing and parenting
- Discussion of the definition of medically accurate

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Requires that schools discuss the characteristics of the emotional, physical and psychological aspects of a healthy relationship and the benefits of delaying pregnancy beyond adolescence. Requires schools to provide students with information about Oregon law concerning a young person's rights and responsibilities related to childbearing and parenting.

**BACKGROUND:** ORS 336.455 currently provides guidance regarding the contents of sex education courses in public schools. HB 2509-A supplements those elements and specifically requires that the course information be medically accurate and age appropriate. Sex education courses are to be designed to enhance students' understanding of sexuality as a normal and healthy aspect of human development. The A-engrossed measure does not alter the requirement that a sex education course emphasizes that abstinence from sexual contact is the only 100 percent effective method of preventing unintended pregnancy and transmission of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

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