

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Hass
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires each school district to provide age-appropriate, human sexuality education courses as integral part of health education curriculum. Declares an emergency; effective July 1, 2009.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Meaning of medically accurate
- Meaning of age-appropriate
- Concerns raised in the House

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: ORS 336.455 currently specifies the criteria for human sexuality education courses in public elementary and secondary schools. House Bill 2509A adds requirements for the courses and specifies that they must provide information that is medically accurate and include a discussion of the aspects of healthy relationships and the benefits of delaying pregnancy beyond the adolescent years. The measure does not alter the existing requirement that sex education courses emphasize 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.