

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed including Amendments to Resolve Conflicts
<b>Vote:</b>	4 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	George, Morse, Shields, Hass
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Bonamici
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/28, 5/10, 5/12

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Identifies person who may provide consent for purpose of awarding high school diplomas, modified diplomas and extended diplomas and for purpose of advancing student to next grade level. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2011.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Current law regarding parental consent
- Circumstances and bases for modified or extended diplomas
- Consent capability determined by courts

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Resolves conflicts with House Bill 2283. Clarifies that if student over 18 has been determined not emancipated by a protective proceeding, that consent is provided by parent.

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon Statewide Report Card 2009-2010 states that of the 40,792 students completing high school in 2008-2009, 963 (2.4%) earned a modified diploma. A modified or extended diploma is awarded to students who have demonstrated the inability to meet the full set of academic content standards for a high school diploma with reasonable modifications and accommodations. To be eligible, a student must satisfy requirements set by the State Board of Education and have a documented history of an inability to maintain grade level achievement due to significant learning and instructional barriers or have a documented history of a medical condition that creates a barrier to achievement.

Current law provides that school districts must obtain written consent from parents or guardians in order for a student to receive modified or extended diplomas. Since many students receiving special education services continue to attend school to the age of 21, House Bill 2285-B clarifies that students over 18, determined to have the ability to give informed consent, may do so for purposes of deciding which type of diploma they receive and exempts them from the requirement to obtain parental consent. Additionally, the measure requires students over 18, whom a court proceeding has deemed incapable of consenting, to have parental consent to receive a modified or extended diploma.

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