

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Conger, Dembrow, Frederick, Huffman, Komp, Parrish, Gelser, Wingard
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/9, 3/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges school districts to require students to successfully complete a course in civics education or otherwise demonstrate proficiency prior to graduation from high school.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current civics literacy programs
- Responsibilities of local school boards
- Importance of civic literacy to Oregon's initiative and referendum processes

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds options for demonstrating proficiency.

BACKGROUND: Currently, twenty-nine states require students to take a course in government prior to graduation from high school. House Joint Resolution 36-A notes the correlation between civics education and future civic engagement and urges school districts to require students to successfully complete a course in civics prior to graduation or to otherwise demonstrate proficiency in a manner determined by school districts.