

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass

**Vote:** 6 - 0 - 2

**Yeas:** Barnhart, Berger, Holvey, Wingard, Hunt, Olson

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** Freeman, Garrett

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/9, 5/18

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows school districts, in lieu of filing biennial continuous improvement plans, to certify that self-evaluations were conducted and that previous plans were not substantially changed. Effective date of January 1, 2013.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Federal requirements tied to continuous improvement plans
- Limited review of submitted plans
- Resources expended on submission
- Electronic plan revision and submission using Oregon Department of Education servers
- Paperwork reduction
- Utility of plans for local districts

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Current statutes authorize the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to require school districts and schools to conduct self-evaluations, update district continuous improvement plans every two years, and submit written reports to ODE. Proponents of Senate Bill 560-A assert that while improvement plans serve as useful evaluation tools, preparation of the plans is viewed as arduous and repetitive paperwork by schools, school districts and ODE. An ODE work group recommended that the filing requirements be revised to reduce costs, staff time, and unnecessary paperwork, while still holding districts accountable and continuing to meet federal standards.

Senate Bill 560-A allows ODE to require districts to either file plans with substantial changes or certify that self-evaluations were conducted and that the plan has not substantially changed.