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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies filing requirements for local district continuous improvement plans. Act takes effect on January 1, 2013.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Reduction of mandated paperwork
- Process modernization and simplification
- Federal monitoring and compliance
- Evaluations and measurement of improvement
- Continuous Improvement Plan report coverage of libraries
- Levels of evaluation and implementation without mandated reporting

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Requires Continuous Improvement Plan to be filed, periodically or at Oregon Department of Education (ODE) request. Clarifies ODE requirements of school districts or schools to conduct self-evaluations or to update their local district continuous improvement plans more frequently than biennially. Requires a school district to notify ODE of any substantial change, as defined by State Board of Education rule, or update its local plan with the school district when there has been a substantial change. Act takes effect on January 1, 2013.

BACKGROUND: Currently, ODE requires school districts and schools to conduct self-evaluations and update their local district continuous improvement plans on a biennial basis and to submit full written reports to ODE. Improvement plan reports serve as tools of evaluation and direction, yet preparation and submission to ODE regularly in volumes are considered arduous, repetitive paperwork by schools, school districts and ODE. An ODE work group recommended revisions of filing requirements relating to district and school continuous improvement plans, intended to reduce costs, staff time and unnecessary paperwork for districts by creating more flexibility, while still holding districts accountable and continuing to meet federal standards. Senate Bill 560-A, except as provided by ORS 329.830, provides that ODE may require a school district to file any substantial changes or any additions made to the plan or to certify that self-evaluations were conducted and that the plan did not receive substantial changes or any additions.

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