76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY Senate Committee on Education & Workforce Development

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued	
Action:	Do Pass and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, George, Morse, Shields, Hass
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/22, 4/5

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Removes outdated, unnecessary or redundant provisions in education statutes related to evaluations, reports, reporting requirements, filings, preparation and distribution of education laws, policies, curriculum requirements, assessments, certifications and additional mandates.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oregon Department of Education (ODE) work group recommendations
- Examples of outdated mandates
- Workload and cost savings
- Oregon School Activities Association dispute resolution
- Level of support from education leadership and community

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Superintendent of Public Instruction Castillo challenged ODE staff to identify unnecessary, outdated and redundant mandates. Representatives from ODE, Confederation of School Administrators, Oregon School Board Association, Oregon Association of Education Service Districts, Oregon Education Association, superintendents and administrators cooperated on mandate relief and paperwork reduction proposals. Collaborative work group efforts identified twenty-eight mandates that no longer serve a purpose. Education statute mandate provisions noted for deletion range from eliminating duplicate reports on race and ethnic characteristics to removing an Irish Potato Famine teaching requirement. One example of savings eliminates the \$5000 mailing costs for a report that is readily available online. Senate Bill 800 incorporates recommended ways to streamline the education system and reduce costs and staff workload.