

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	6 - 2 - 0
Yeas:	Frederick, Greenlick, Harker, Parrish, Thompson, Tomei
Nays:	Weidner, Gilliam
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/3, 2/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Defines key terms. Directs each school district to adopt teen dating violence policy that: states that teen dating violence is unacceptable and prohibited; incorporates age appropriate education for students in grade seven through 12 as well as certain school employees; establishes response procedures for school employees; identifies by job title school officials who are responsible for receiving reports; and notifies students and parents of teen dating policy. Expands allowable uses of Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Fund to include services, programs and curricula to educate students in grade seven through 12 about teen dating violence; to provide assistance to victims of teen dating violence; and to prevent and reduce incidences of teen dating violence. Authorizes Director of Department of Human Services to make grants for prevention, identification and treatment related to teen dating violence. Requires Director of Oregon Health Authority to create or include in existing surveys questions about teen dating violence.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of parents in developing policy
- Long term impact of teen dating violence
- Educating students could help them identify warning signs earlier

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies that dating or dating relationship do not include casual relationship or ordinary fraternization between two parties in business or social context.

BACKGROUND: Dating abuse is the use of abuse behaviors by a person to harm, threaten, intimidate or control a current or former dating partner. Dating abuse can include, but is not limited to, physical, emotional and sexual abuse. Up to 40 percent of teens have been in abuse relationships and of those that have, 43 percent experienced abuse while at school. Several states now require school districts to adopt policies on dating abuse among students, which include providing dating abuse education to students and/or protecting targets of dating abuse while they are on campus.