

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carriers – House: Rep. Bailey/Rep. Wand
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Monnes Anderson

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the a-Engrossed Measure as Amended and as Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 22 – 2 – 1

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Freeman, Garrard, Komp, McLane, Nathanson, Nolan, Read, Richardson, G. Smith, Thatcher, Whisnant

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Thomsen, Verger

Nays: Nelson, Whitsett

Exc: Winters

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Meeting Date: February 27, 2012

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Costs to schools
- Removing survey requirement (-A2 amendment)

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes the requirement that the Director of Oregon Health Authority to create or include in existing surveys questions about teen dating violence.

BACKGROUND: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that 1 in 11 adolescents say they have been the victim of physical dating violence; a separate survey indicated that 1 in 4 teens self-report physical, verbal, emotional or sexual abuse every year. African-American and Hispanic students report higher rates of dating violence than white students.

Up to 40 percent of teens have been in abuse relationships and of those that have, 43 percent experienced abuse while at school. At least 14 states have laws that urge or 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