

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0  
**Yeas:** Beyer, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan, Hass  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** 0  
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**Meeting Dates:** 3/12

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Changes term “second languages” to “world languages” for purposes of elementary and secondary education requirements. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Issues with current term “second language”
- Confusion with “English as a Second Language” programs
- A new language may not be a second language, but rather a third, fourth, etc.
- American Sign Language speakers may learn English as a second language

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

**BACKGROUND:** ORS 329.007 defines “second languages” as any “foreign language” or “American Sign Language.” House Bill 2099 makes the terminology and definition more consistent with federal and other state definitions that use the term “world languages” to mean American Sign Language and languages other than English. This measure was previously introduced in the 2011 session as Senate Bill 23. Senate Bill 23 passed unanimously in the Senate and was in committee upon adjournment.

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