

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Fagan, Gomberg, Gorsek, Huffman, Parrish, Reardon, Sprenger, Whisnant, Gelser
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/27, 4/5, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs school district to adopt policies for the use of personal electronic devices. Requires school districts to provide annual professional development to specified employees about use of online resources for students with print disabilities. Directs school boards to establish process for determining whether free online resources are available when adopting textbook and instructional materials lists. Clarifies that schools do not have basis to obtain password's to student email or online accounts. Defines "independent communication" as communication that does not require assistance or interpretation by an individual who is not part of the communication but may require the use or assistance of an electronic device. Provides students may be allowed to use own personal electronic devices for curriculum.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Whether teacher could take smart phone from student in class
- Student privacy and Facebook passwords

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies that measure does not provide basis to allow school to obtain passwords to student's email or online accounts. Defines "independent communication" as communication that does not require assistance or interpretation by an individual who is not part of the communication but may require the use or assistance of an electronic device. Changes language from "must" to "may" when allowing students to use own electronic devices.

BACKGROUND: As technology develops, personal electronic devices are increasingly being used in schools. For example, the Salem Keizer School District added \$500,000 to its technology budget this year, which included \$50,000 for "innovation grants" to teachers who could demonstrate how technology improved learning. One kindergarten teacher received a grant to purchase six new iPads for her classroom after demonstrating how they boosted learning by 21 percent. House Bill 2426 requires school districts to develop policies to govern the use of personal electronic devices, to determine whether there are free online resources when adopting textbook lists, and to provide professional development for specified employees.