

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

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Meeting Dates: 5/2, 5/28, 5/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires school that wishes to use radio frequency identification device (RFID) to notify State Board of Education. Requires State Board of Education to generate rules for appropriate use of RFID, applicable to all schools, upon receipt of notification. Details circumstances requiring establishment standards for guidelines regarding notification, use of, and privacy protections for any RFID used by schools. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of RFID
- Privacy concerns, including ability of third-party individual to acquire technology necessary to access information on RFID
- Bill as focused on “requirement;” intent to enable institutions to ask permission and still allow RFIDs in certain circumstances
- Different types of RFIDs, i.e.: Passive (without a power source) vs. Active (with a power source)
- RFID tracking in districts outside Oregon

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Radio frequency identification allows tracking by using radio frequency electromagnetic fields to transfer data from a tag attached to an object. RFID tags are small and can easily be concealed in objects. RFID is used in many industries, such as manufacturing and agriculture. For example, RFID tags may be implanted into livestock to allow identification of an animal, or attached to a car to track its progress on an assembly line. In 2012, the San Antonio Northside School District launched its “Student Locater Project” which uses RFIDs implanted in badges to monitor student attendance. House Bill 2386-A prohibits Oregon school districts from taking such actions without notifying the State Board of Education, complying with mandatory rules, and giving notification to students and parents.