

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Education

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

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

**Action:**

**Vote:**

**Yeas:**

**Nays:**

**Exc.:**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/10, 3/26

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Prohibits the use of expulsion to address truancy. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- History of exclusionary discipline for truant behavior
- Effects of exclusionary discipline on students remaining in the classroom
- Underlying causes of truancy
- Suspension to address truancy still allowed under Senate Bill 556
- Importance of parental notice

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** HB 2192-B (2013) established requirements for school policies related to discipline, suspension, and expulsion. While HB 2192-B limited expulsions, ORS 339.250 currently allows expulsion as a disciplinary measure to address truancy.

Senate Bill 556 amends ORS 339.250 to prohibit the use of expulsion to address truancy.