

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Education

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued**

**Action:**

**Vote:**

**Yeas:**

**Nays:**

**Exc.:**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/31

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Establishes timelines by which evaluations must be completed to determine eligibility for special education. Specifies exemptions. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act requires individual evaluations before students are placed in special education, and requires reevaluation at least once every three years, but allows states to determine timelines for evaluation. Under state rule, OAR 581-015-2110 requires evaluations to be completed within 60 school days with specified exceptions allowed by federal law.

Senate Bill 560 proposes to change this time limit from 60 school days to 60 calendar days. Senate Bill 560 requires school districts to conduct an initial evaluation to determine a child’s eligibility for special education and hold a meeting with the parents within 60 calendar days of receiving written parental consent. The bill additionally requires that school districts conduct a reevaluation and hold a meeting with the parents to determine a child’s educational needs, eligibility, or continuing eligibility for special education within 60 calendar days of receiving written parental consent.