PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

MEASURE: SB 790 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:	4/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Department of Justice (DoJ) to encourage and support services, programs and curricula to educate and inform students in grades seven to 12 about teen dating violence and domestic violence, to provide assistance to victims of teen dating violence and domestic violence, and to prevent and reduce the incidence of teen dating violence and domestic violence. Requires school district boards to adopt policies that incorporate age-appropriate education about domestic violence into training programs for students in grades seven to 12 and school employees. Authorizes Department of Human Services to make grants to and enter into contracts with nonprofit organizations or public agencies for programs and projects designed to prevent, identify and treat domestic violence.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: ORS 147.453 established the Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Fund in the State Treasury. Money from the fund is appropriated to the DoJ to provide services related to domestic and sexual violence. ORS 147.453 stipulates that services are to include encouraging and supporting services, programs and curricula to educate and inform students in grades seven to 12 about teen dating violence, to provide assistance to victims of teen dating violence, and to prevent and reduce the incidence of teen dating violence. Senate Bill 790 expands ORS 147.453 to include encouraging and supporting services, programs and curricula to additionally educate and inform students in grades seven to 12 about domestic violence, as well as to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence, and to prevent and reduce the incidence of domestic violence.

ORS 339.366 requires each school district board to adopt a policy that incorporates age-appropriate education about teen dating violence into new or existing training programs for students in grades seven through 12 and school employees. Senate Bill 790 amends ORS 339.366 to additionally require that policies incorporate education about domestic violence into training programs.

ORS 409.292 authorizes the Director of Human Services to make grants to and enter into contracts with nonprofit private organizations or public agencies for programs and projects designed to prevent, identify and treat family and teen dating violence. Senate Bill 790 expands this provision to explicitly include that the Director may also make grants to or enter into contracts to prevent, identify and treat domestic violence.