

**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:** 4/7

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows public charter schools to give priority to students from historically underserved student groups, as identified by culture, poverty, language or race. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

-2 amendments (proposed) allow public charter school to select students through weighted lottery that favors historically underserved student groups as identified by culture, poverty, language or race.

**BACKGROUND:** ORS 338.125 currently prohibits public charter schools from limiting student enrollment based on race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, disability, the terms of an individualized education program, income level, proficiency in the English language or athletic ability. If the number of applications from students who reside in the school district exceed the school’s capacity, ORS 338.125 requires the public charter school to select students through a lottery, but allows schools that have existed for one or more years to prioritize previously enrolled students, siblings, or students who reside in the school district that is the sponsor of the public charter school or in a school district that is a party to the cooperative agreement with the charter school.

As introduced, Senate Bill 820 amends ORS 338.125, allowing public charter schools to additionally give priority to students from historically underserved student groups, as identified by culture, poverty, language or race.