

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: 4/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides that core teaching standards apply to public charter schools. Takes effect July 1, 2016.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 100 (1999) allowed charter schools to operate in Oregon. In Oregon, a charter school is a comprehensive public school operated by a group of parents, teachers, and/or community members as a semi-autonomous school of choice. The charter school operates under a performance contract or “charter” between the members of the charter school community and the sponsor. Charter schools may be sponsored by school districts, public institutions of higher education, or the State Board of Education. Charter schools must offer a comprehensive education that includes curriculum covering all Oregon academic content standards and courses necessary to allow students to meet high school diploma requirements.

While not all statutes and rules that apply to school district boards, school districts or other public schools apply to public charter schools, House Bill 2186 includes ORS 342.856 (core teaching standards) among the list of laws that apply to public charter schools.