

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Education

MEASURE: SB 556
CARRIER: Sen. Gelser

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/26/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 03/10, 03/26

Vote:

Yeas: 7 - Baertschiger Jr, Beyer, Gelser, Hass, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits 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
- Ability to continue to address truancy with suspension
- Importance of parental notice

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No 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.