

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/16/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Meeting Dates: 04/02, 04/16

Vote:

Yeas: 6 - Baertschiger Jr, Beyer, Gelser, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan

Exc: 1 - Hass

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Department of Justice (DoJ) encourage and support services, programs and curricula to educate and inform students in grades seven to 12 about domestic violence, to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence, and to prevent and reduce the incidence of domestic violence. Requires school district boards 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. Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) adopt specified rules and provide school districts with posters providing toll-free hotline telephone number students may call for information and help. Requires school district boards to adopt policies requiring specified posting of signs.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Frequency of domestic abuse
- Role of information and education in preventing and/or responding to domestic violence
- Existing education standards regarding teen dating violence
- Potential amendment requiring school posting requirement of help hotline

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Requires ODE provide school districts with bi-lingual posters containing information regarding domestic violence and toll-free hotline telephone number students may call for information and help. Require school district boards to adopt policies requiring posting of signs in clearly visible locations on school campuses. Require ODE to adopt rules to implement posting provisions.

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-A expands ORS 147.453 to additionally address domestic violence when providing these services.

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-A 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-A 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.

Senate Bill 790-A additionally requires that signs be posted in schools to provide students with a domestic violence help hotline number.