

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

**MEASURE: SB 556**  
**CARRIER: Rep. Sprenger**

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 05/06/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 04/27, 05/06

**Vote:**

Yeas: 8 - Doherty, Frederick, Hack, McLain, Piluso, Reardon, Sprenger, Wilson

Nays: 1 - Barreto

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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
- Negative effects of exclusionary discipline on truant students
- Effects of exclusionary discipline on students remaining in the classroom
- Ability to continue to address truancy with suspension

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

House Bill 2192-B (2013) established requirements for school policies related to discipline, suspension, and expulsion. While that measure 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.