

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

MEASURE: SB 790 A
CARRIER: Rep. Piluso

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/20/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 05/11, 05/20

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Doherty, Frederick, Hack, McLain, Piluso, Reardon, Sprenger, Wilson

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Department of Justice (DOJ) to encourage and support services, programs and curricula to educate and inform students in grades seven to twelve about domestic violence, to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence, and to prevent and reduce incidence of domestic violence. Requires school district boards to adopt policies that incorporate age-appropriate education about domestic violence into training programs for students in grades seven to twelve 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) to adopt specified rules and provide school districts with posters in both English and Spanish providing toll-free hotline telephone number students may call for information and help. Requires school district boards to adopt policies requiring posting of signs in clearly visible locations on school campuses.

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
- Amended measure includes posting requirement of phone number/“hotline” for help

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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 twelve 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 address domestic violence when providing these service.

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 twelve and school employees. Senate Bill 790-A amends ORS 339.366 to 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 private nonprofit 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 specify 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 numbers.