

## HB 2219 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Education

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires school districts and public charter schools offer students sufficient courses in civics to ensure those electing to receive instruction receive it. Becomes effective on July 1, 2018.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of civics in education
- Change from requiring school districts implement civics courses to encouraging such implementation

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Changes the requirement that school districts and public charter schools offer students courses in civics to encouraging civics courses are offered.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

#### BACKGROUND:

Other states, including Oregon, use a social studies credit hour graduation requirement as the Civics proficiency requirement. Oregon Administrative Rule 581-022-1130 states that Oregon school districts currently require any graduating diploma include three credits of social sciences upon graduation. Social sciences may include history, civics, geography and economics education.