

SB 1047 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to develop and adopt a model plan for testing school facilities for environmental hazards by January 1, 2019. Establishes the Healthy School Facilities Fund and allows ODE to transfer up to \$2 million from the State School Fund for use by the department. Allows ODE's Office of School Facilities to award grants of up to \$25,000 for assessment of school facilities for potential environmental hazards.

Requires school districts and public charter schools to submit plans for testing all facilities based on ODE's model by June 30, 2019. Establishes program requirements. Requires school districts and public charter schools to make test results public. Requires school districts and public charter schools to make annual statements relating to environmental hazard plans. Identifies requirements for annual statements.

Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to adopt rules relating to environmental hazards in schools, school facility inspections, staff training and notification, and conflicts of interest. Requires OHA to publish information sheets for school districts and public charter schools. Allows OHA to adopt rules relating to lead paint, diesel exhaust, and mold in school facilities.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Environmental toxins in school buildings
- Impact on students and staff
- Costs for testing and remediation

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces the measure. Requires school districts, education service districts (ESDs) and public charter schools to develop and adopt Healthy and Safe School Plans. Requires plans to address environmental conditions. Establishes plan requirements. Requires districts, ESDs and public charters to review plans annually, revise as needed, and provide copies of plans to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). Requires school districts, ESDs and public charter schools to make test results public within 10 business days of receiving results and to provide an annual statement regarding the plan available to governing bodies, parents of minor students or students age 18 or older. Establishes requirements for annual statements.

Requires ODE to adopt rules in consultation with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and representatives of school districts, ESDs and public charter schools. Requires ODE to develop and adopt a model plan and make the model plan available to school districts, education service districts and public charter schools by January 1, 2019.

This Summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.

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Requires the OHA to provide guidance to school districts, ESDs, public charter schools and other stakeholders on evidence-based practices for the reduction of environmental conditions that may present health concerns.

Establishes the Healthy School Facilities Fund for the purpose of providing financial assistance to school districts, ESDs and public charter schools in carrying out the adoption, administration and enforcement of Healthy and Safe School Plans. Carves out \$2.5 million from monies currently appropriated to the State School Fund for facility grants for deposit to the Healthy School Facilities Fund for the purposes of testing for and reducing exposure to elevated levels of lead in water, lead-based paint, and installing carbon monoxide detectors. Allows the State Board of Education to grant school districts up to \$25,000 for assessment of potential environmental hazards.

BACKGROUND:

In 2013, a U.S. Forest Service study of moss in Portland revealed high levels of cadmium and arsenic in neighborhoods and near schools. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality confirmed the findings in October, 2016. During June and July, 2016, Portland Public Schools tested lead levels in water sources at its schools. High lead levels were found at most school buildings.