

HB 3358 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 5/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes advisory group on English Language Learner (ELL) programs to advise Oregon Department of Education (ODE) on ORS 327.016 (reporting requirements of ODE on ELL programs, which include amounts allocated from state school fund for ELL) and ORS 336.079 (reporting requirements of ODE on ELL programs) to ensure the progress aligns with statewide standards. Requires advisory group to examine development and implementation of ELL programs to ensure students achieve biliteracy. Requires provisions are reviewed to ensure rigor and satisfy requirements of high school diploma. Requires advisory group advise ODE on professional development opportunities related to ELL and cultural responsiveness, and review resources available to districts. Requires advisory group to meet four times per year.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Accomplished work with former Representative Joe Gallegos to improve English Language Learner (ELL) programs in the State of Oregon
- Former legislation to improve funding of ELL programs
- Work to reduce duplicative efforts being done by Oregon Department of Education

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

In October 2013, the State Board of Education (SBE) approved the English Language Proficiency standards. The SBE approved a plan to use teams to deliver professional learning in 34 school districts with large populations of English language learners using district-level leaders.

House Bill 3358-A establishes an advisory group to advise the Oregon Department of Education on English Language Learner programs, which include program requirements and State School Fund allocation.