

SB 1062 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to develop and adopt Healthy and Safe Schools Plan by January 1, 2019. Establishes Healthy School Facilities Fund. Authorizes ODE to transfer up to \$2.5 million from the State School Fund (SSF) to Healthy School Facilities Fund (HSFF) for use by the department and permits 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, education service districts (ESDs) and public charter schools to develop and adopt Healthy and Safe School Plans. Requires plans to address environmental conditions and establishes plan requirements. Requires districts, ESDs and public charters to review plans annually, revise as needed, and provide copies of plans to ODE. Requires school districts, ESDs and public charter schools to make test results public within 10 business days of receiving results, and provide an annual statement regarding the plan 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. Directs OHA to provide recommendations to school districts, ESDs, public charter schools and stakeholders on practices for reduction of environmental conditions that may present health concerns.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Permits, rather than requires, OHA to recommend practices for reduction of environmental conditions. Fixes SSF facility grant cap at \$7 million. Decreases transfer from SSF for deposit into HSFF to \$2 million. Eliminates HSFF grants for installation of carbon monoxide detection devices. Directs OHA to adopt mandatory guidelines related to testing and reduction of exposure to elevated levels of lead in water used for drinking and food preparation.

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.