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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Education Subcommittee

Re: HB 2845 Relating to statewide social studies standards

Representative Smith Warner: "HB 2845 requires the Oregon Department of Education to convene a 13-member advisory group to review the current standards for social sciences and identify opportunities to recognize histories, contributions, and perspectives of ethnic and social minorities.

The advisory group must submit a report to ODE no later than September 15, 2019 which includes proposals for adjustments to statewide social studies standards for public school students in grades K through 12.

The Subcommittee recommends the –A5 amendment which appropriates \$43,149 General Fund to the Department of Education to support a limited-duration position (0.25 FTE) to staff the advisory group. The amendment also sunsets the bill on January 2, 2022.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 2845 be amended by the –A5 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended."