

HB 2219 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Education

Carrier: Rep. Whisnant

Action Date: 03/01/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Doherty, Evans, Hernandez, McLain, Parrish, Sollman, Sprenger, Vial, Wilson

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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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. Takes effect on July 1, 2018.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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

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.