

HB 2528 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/20/17

Action: Do pass with amendments
and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

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

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$240,000 from the General Fund to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) for training and professional development of school district personnel on the contents and implementation of the Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Framework adopted by ODE. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Framework supports training of Oregon personnel in comprehensive counseling
- School districts are revising counseling framework to reflect new national standards
- Both national and state standards have changed since 2003 and the new version was published in Fall 2016
- Oregon is launching new school counseling model to adopt the revised American School Counselor Association national model
- Online platform will provide customization of Oregon content, but modeled after the American School Counselor Association national model

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Appropriates \$240,000 from the General Fund for training and professional development of school district personnel.

BACKGROUND:

The American School Counselor Association ("Association") recommends that for every 250 students in school, there is one counselor present. Data from the Association indicates that during the 2013-2014 academic year, Oregon had one counselor for every 604 students present. Professional development opportunities for school counselors vary depending on the money districts can spend on such services. The option of online coursework and networking will reportedly provide professional development opportunities for districts that are unable to send staff to out-of-state or in-state functions. This flexibility reportedly may benefit school counselors wishing to enhance their network and skills.

House Bill 2528-A appropriates \$240,000 from the General Fund to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) for training and professional development of school district personnel for implementing the Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Framework adopted by ODE.