

HB 3216 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Education

Carrier: Rep. Whisnant

Action Date: 04/10/17
Action: Do Pass.
Vote: 8-0-1-0
Yeas: 8 - Doherty, Evans, Hernandez, Parrish, Sollman, Sprenger, Vial, Wilson
Exc: 1 - McLain
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Chief Education Office (CEdO) conduct study on identifying practices that assist public school students in impoverished families. Requires the CEdO use study to evaluate effective practices that improve achievement outcomes, identify modifications to improve practices evaluated and identify sustainable funding sources. Allows CEdO to collaborate with stakeholders that include educators, school board members and school budget committee members. Requires study to consider variety of factors influencing poverty, including school districts, district size, location and other demographics. Requires report be submitted to interim committee of the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2018. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Rep. Gene Whisnant and former Rep. Joe Gallegos worked to reduce poverty in schools by studying effects of poverty in districts
- Goal is to close achievement gap and reduce students in poverty
- Report on poverty in Oregon identifies practices in school districts

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, the Chief Education Office facilitated a workgroup to fulfill the legislative requirements of House Bill 2968 and produced a report on how the State School Fund expenditures relate to the educational achievement of students from families in poverty. The study addressed school district size and location when examining the expenditure weight.

House Bill 3216 conducts a study on identifying practices that work to assist public school students in impoverished families and the study is conducted by Chief Education Office.