

HB 3015 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/12/17

Action: Do pass. Refer to Ways and Means.

Vote: 8-1-0-0

Yeas: 8 - Doherty, Evans, Hernandez, McLain, Sollman, Sprenger, Vial, Wilson

Nays: 1 - Parrish

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows school districts and public charter schools to allow nationally recognized high school assessments in mathematics, science or English if the assessment complies with the State Board of Education by rule. Requires district or public charter school send appropriate notices to parents regarding assessments.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Value of nationally recognized assessments
- Ability to use Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and American College Test (ACT) exams as measuring tool for college and grades K-12

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In current law, Oregon school districts and public charter schools are required to implement the statewide assessment system, known as Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA), to demonstrate proficiency skills for high school graduates. Nationally recognized assessment methods already exist, including the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and American College Test (ACT), which are used for college entrance criteria.

House Bill 3015 allows Oregon school districts and public charter schools to utilize the nationally recognized assessment methods available for mathematics, science or English as the assessment method for students.