

HB 2845 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/17/17

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

Vote: 7-1-1-0

Yeas: 7 - Doherty, Evans, Hernandez, McLain, Parrish, Sollman, Vial

Nays: 1 - Wilson

Exc: 1 - Sprenger

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes advisory group to identify where current statewide social studies standards fail to recognize the histories, contributions and perspectives of ethnic and social minorities. Requires advisory group develop ethnic studies standards to propose for adoption into existing statewide social studies standards. Requires advisory group work to increase cultural competency for public school students. Requires advisory group submit report to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) that proposes ethnic studies standards for adoption into public schools. Requires ODE convene advisory group no later than June 15, 2018. Requires report be submitted by advisory group to ODE no later than September 15, 2019. Requires ODE adopt ethnic studies standards into existing statewide social studies standards for public school students in kindergarten through grade 12 by September 15, 2020. Requires ODE complete tasks no later than July 1, 2021. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effect of inclusion of ethnic studies in social studies on student engagement and reduction in dropout rates
- National Education Association notes that students should learn about their own representation and culture to be better suited in school
- Inclusive texts are beneficial for student engagement and fostering commonalities of student minorities
- Gaining knowledge and understanding of minorities in school will engage students from different backgrounds and cultures
- Addressing social minorities and ethnic minorities in study

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces contents of measure.

BACKGROUND:

The State of Oregon does not statutorily require an advisory committee for studying social studies standards and developing statewide ethnic studies standards for adoption. Research suggests that culturally-responsive education practices create nurturing cooperative environments, which positively impact students coming from diverse backgrounds.

House Bill 2845-A establishes an advisory group to identify where current statewide social studies standards fail to recognize the histories, contribution and perspectives of ethnic and social minorities. HB 2845-A requires the This Summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.

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advisory group submit a report to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) no later than September 15, 2019 and requires the ethnic studies standards are adopted by ODE no later than September 15, 2020.