

HB 3267 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Dembrow

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 05/30/17

Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Gelser, Hass, Kruse, Linthicum, Roblan

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires school district or public charter school to grant waiver toward graduation requirements specified by district or charter school to students in grades 9 through 12 who are foster children, homeless children, children who have run away from home, children in military families, children of migrant workers, or children enrolled in the Youth Corrections Education Program or Juvenile Detention Education Program. Requires district or charter school to accept credits earned by the student in another district or charter school and apply those credits toward the 24 credit hour graduation requirements. Applies to high school diplomas awarded on or after the effective date of this Act.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effect of high school diploma on lifelong earnings and need to earn diploma
- Effect of modified and alternative diploma on students
- Importance of providing foster care students opportunity to receive high school diploma as opposed to modified diploma

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Adds children in military families, children of migrant workers, or children enrolled in the Youth Corrections Education Program or Juvenile Detention Education Program to the list of students eligible for waivers.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Board of Education (SBE) requires students to complete 24 total credits, including three credits in mathematics and four in English, in order to graduate from high school in Oregon with a standard diploma. Additional course credit requirements must satisfy content standards established by the SBE. School districts and public charter schools may add additional graduation requirements.

House Bill 3267-B allows the district or public charter school to waive certain requirements for foster children, homeless children, or runaway students, children in military families, children of migrant workers, or children enrolled in the Youth Corrections Education Program or Juvenile Detention Education Program.