

SB 1062 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 05/31/17

Action: Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

Vote: 4-0-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Boquist, Burdick, Roblan

Exc: 1 - Ferrioli

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires school districts, education service districts (ESDs) and public charter schools to develop and adopt Healthy and Safe School Plans (Plan) to address environmental conditions in facilities regularly used by students or staff. Establishes minimum Plan content. Directs districts and schools to provide Oregon Department of Education (ODE) with copies of Plan, and to annually review and revise Plan, when necessary. Requires ODE develop model Plan as guidance for districts and schools by January 1, 2019. Requires districts and schools make results of tests conducted under Plan, public within 10 business days of receiving results, and provide an annual statement regarding the Plan to governing bodies, parents and students. Establishes requirements for annual statements. Requires ODE adopt rules in consultation with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and representatives of districts and schools.

Establishes Healthy School Facilities Fund (HSFF). Beginning on or after July 1, 2019, transfers \$2 million of State School Funds (SSF) to HSFF to be used for facility grants to test and reduce potential environmental hazards in school facilities. Permits State Board of Education to issue facility grants, of up to \$25,000, for assessment of these potential environmental hazards.

Permits OHA to make recommendations to school districts, ESDs, public charter schools and stakeholders on practices to reduce environmental conditions that may present health concerns. Requires OHA adopt mandatory guidelines for testing of water used for drinking and food preparation.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Environmental hazard detection and exposure mitigation in school facilities
- Effect of environmental hazards on students and staff
- Importance of identifying and reporting environmental hazards in school facilities

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Allows OHA to make recommendations to school districts, ESDs, public charter schools and stakeholders on practices to reduce environmental conditions. Sets SSF facility grant cap at \$7 million. Decreases transfer from SSF to HSFF to \$2 million. Removes ability to use HSFF grants for installation of carbon monoxide detection devices. Requires OHA to adopt mandatory guidelines for testing water used for drinking and food preparation.

BACKGROUND:

In 2013, a U.S. Forest Service study of moss in Portland revealed high levels of cadmium and arsenic in neighborhoods and nearby schools. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality confirmed the findings in October of 2016. In addition, in June and July of 2016, Portland Public Schools found that a substantial number of its school buildings had high lead levels in their drinking water after conducting a series of tests on buildings' water sources.