

**HB 4102 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Education**

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Ways and Means

**Meeting Dates:** 2/7

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to conduct study on students who drop out of public secondary schools in this state ('Study'). Requires study examine methods for tracking and collecting information on school dropouts. Requires study examine methods to improve outreach to school dropouts or incentives for school dropouts to complete their diploma or General Educational Development (GED) test. Requires study review methods for collecting and analyzing data regarding school dropouts who are pursuing a HS Diploma or GED. Directs ODE submit a summary of the study to the interim education committee by December 31, 2018. Repeals act on January 2, 2019.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

A report issued by the Oregon Department of Education indicated that in the 2000-2001 school year, there were 8,713 school dropouts. The reasons cited for dropping out were: credit deficiency, lack of parental support, dysfunctional home life, working more than 15 hours per week, and substance abuse.