

HB 4102 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 02/12/18

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Doherty, Evans, Hernandez, McLain, Parrish, Sollman, Sprenger, Whisnant, Wilson

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to conduct study (Study) on students who drop out of public secondary schools in this state. 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 high school diploma or GED. Directs ODE to submit a summary of the study to the interim education committee by December 31, 2018. Repeals act on January 2, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Methods used to track students pursuing re-engagement
- Interest in exploring analysis and collection of data on GED students

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

A report issued by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) 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.

House Bill 4102 requires the ODE conduct a study on students who drop out of public secondary schools in this state, and examine methods for tracking and collecting information on school dropouts. It will be presented to the legislature in December 2018, and will be repealed in January 2019.