SB 12 -1   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates:	2/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes inclusive school pilot program to foster safe, effective, equitable, and conducive learning environments for all students. Directs Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to administer the program. Establishes application, selection, and administrative requirements. Directs ODE to award grants to at least 40 school districts to improve school inclusion. Sets grant amount. Requires ODE to provide technical assistance to recipients. Requires school districts to create a student and family advisory group for each school. Directs ODE to oversee a network of regional student councils. Establishes council functions, including assisting with student survey. Requires education service districts (ESDs) to administer the councils. Permits reimbursement for council expenses. Provides ODE with rulemaking authority. Appropriates funding to ODE for grants. Sunsets pilot program on December 31, 2023. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Adds geographic diversity to selection considerations for pilot programs. Directs ODE to award grants to school districts to implement early warning systems to help students graduate. Establishes requirements for systems. Expands assistance ODE must provide grant recipients. Eliminates requirement for student and family advisory groups.

BACKGROUND:

In March 2018, ODE created the Safe and Effective Schools for All Students Advisory Committee to discuss how to better support students in schools. The purpose of the committee was to identify promising practices; create policy recommendations for the State Board of Education, local school boards, and the Oregon Legislature; and suggest investments related to the policy recommendations for consideration by the 2019 Oregon Legislature. This bill would implement some of the committee's policy recommendations.