

## HB 2630 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Education

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Student Success

**Meeting Dates:** 2/11

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Establishes Office of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Education (Office) within the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). Establishes duties of Office in gathering data on deaf and hard-of-hearing children in Oregon from zero through 20 years of age. Requires Office gather data annually from school districts and education service districts on the results of kindergarten readiness assessment, language and literacy development, assessments tracking expressive and receptive language, and graduation rates. Requires Office collaborate with Oregon Health Authority on early intervention for hearing loss of newborns. Requires ODE provide technical assistance to districts gathering data. Requires Office use data to improve educational outcomes for deaf and hard-of-hearing children.

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Establishes data gathering requirements by ODE for deaf and hard-of-hearing children from birth to age eight, and nine through graduation. Requires ODE assist in developing Individualized Education Programs and Individualized Service Plans to improve language, literacy development, and cognitive abilities. Establishes role of Office in developing report cards incorporating student assessment and provides deadline to mail reports on June 30 of each year. Modifies definition of hearing impairment.

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#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Department of Education does not have an established Office for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Education within the agency.