

HB 2191 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows an absence to be excused by a principal or teacher if the absence is caused by the mental or behavioral health of the student. Effective July 1, 2019.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Referring to measure as “Chloe’s law”
- Impact of mental health and depression on ability to focus in school

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 339.065 allows an absence be excused by a principal or teacher if the absence is caused by the student’s sickness, the sickness of some family member, or an emergency.

HB 2191 allows a student to be excused in school if the absence is caused by the mental or behavioral health of the student.