

SB 692 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Youth Development Division (YDD) to develop and administer a statewide youth reengagement system. Permits school districts to provide youth reengagement programs under the system. Establishes requirements for program. Permits school district to enter into an agreement to provide program instruction and services. Establishes requirements for agreement. Permits school districts to receive funding for eligible youths participating in program. Defines eligible youth and establishes funding criteria. Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and YDD to provide technical assistance to school districts. Requires SBE and YDD to adopt rules, as specified. Requires districts to admit persons who are participating in a youth reengagement program. Requires ODE to account for youths participating in reengagement programs in unified accounting system and to minimize disincentives for school districts to re-engage youth.

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:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law establishes a Youth Development Division within the Department of Education. The purpose of the division is to ensure that services are provided to school-age children through youth 24 years of age to support educational success, focuses on crime prevention, and reduce high-risk behaviors. Senate Bill 692 directs YDD to establish a statewide youth reengagement system that will allow students who have dropped out of high school to receive mentorship and to earn credits toward graduation or career readiness. The bill also requires ODE to adjust school accountability systems to remove disincentives to offering reengagement programs.