

HB 2021 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Student Success

Meeting Dates: 3/4, 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to provide moneys for payment of costs of education of students in eligible residential alternative education programs. Directs ODE to provide money to districts in which eligible residential alternative education program is located. Allows school district to keep portion of money as established in contract with alternative education program. Defines eligible alternative education program, residential alternative education program, and student. Allows ODE to receive from State School Fund average net operating expenditure per student, and number of slots available for all students in eligible residential alternative education programs. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Interest in reflecting accurate graduation rate for all Bend-LaPine School District
- Work of students in Oregon Youth Challenge program

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Youth Challenge (OYC) is a private alternative education program for students that are failing, not attending, or dropped out of school and located in the Bend-LaPine School District. Students in attendance at OYC are counted as Bend-LaPine School District, and the district is required to count students exceeding four years of school as non-completers. This affects the four-year graduation rate for the school district. HB 2021 would establish a funding mechanism for OYC and establish a unique school ID number, which means the residency of students is no longer attributed to the school district.