

HB 2556 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows absence to be excused by principal or teacher for not more than seven days during the school year if pupil is a dependent of a member of Armed Forces who is on active duty or called into active duty. Defines armed forces to include the following and their reserves: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, the National Guard and Oregon National Guard. Prevents seven days from applying to maximum absence allowance imposed on three-month and six-month periods. Applies to 2019-2020 school year. Declares emergency, takes effect July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 339.065 allows a student to be excused by a principal or teacher if the absence is caused by the student being sick, sickness of family member, or an emergency. Students may not be excused more than five days in three months, and ten days in six months. House Bill 2556 would allow a student to be excused for not more than seven days if they are a dependent of a member of the Armed Forces who is on active duty or called to duty. This measure also prevents the seven days from counting toward the maximum allowed number of days absent.