

HB 2562 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to Department of Education for Title IX enforcement and compliance, sexual harassment prevention, and gender discrimination prevention. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

On June 23, 1972, the President signed Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq., into law. Title IX is a comprehensive federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded education program or activity including K-12 educational programs. The principal objective of Title IX is to avoid the use of federal money to support sex discrimination in education programs and to provide individual citizens effective protection against those practices. Title IX applies, with a few specific exceptions, to all aspects of federally funded education programs or activities. Under Title IX sexual harassment is considered to be a form of discrimination. Currently, there is one part-time state Title IX Coordinator at the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) overseeing Title IX enforcement and prevention of gender-based harassment and discrimination for all K-12 schools across Oregon.

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