HB 3241 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines "safe entry point" as entry in school building that is visually monitored by employee. Directs Oregon Department of Education to develop and administer a grant program to distribute moneys from the Safe Entry Grant Fund to create safe entry points. Requires grant recipients have no other entry points in their school building. Establishes Safe Entry Grant Fund in State Treasury. Authorizes State Treasury to issue lottery bonds in net proceeds, and additional moneys estimated by State Treasurer to pay bond-related costs.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

• Interest in maintaining safety of students and teachers

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Replaces measure contents. Defines secure vestibule as entry to school building that is visually monitored by an employee of school district or education service district. Requires Oregon Department of Education develop and administer grant program that distributes moneys from the Secure Vestibule Grant Fund to school districts and education service districts to create secure vestibules. Requires that districts agree to finance at least half of the cost of project, and agree each building have no other entry points except for secure vestibule in order to be eligible for grant program. Allows State Board of Education to adopt rules to ensure proceeds of bonds issued are used for permissible purposes. Establishes Secure Vestibule Grant Fund in State Treasury, and allows State Treasury to issue general obligation bonds beginning July 1, 2019 for Secure Vestibule Grant Fund. Appropriate money from the General Fund to Oregon Department of Education beginning July 1, 2019.

BACKGROUND:

In response to gun violence in schools, school districts across the United States have reviewed making single points of entry that prevent outside intruders from entering the school facility unless verified by a school official. Single secure point of entry refers to requiring a badge or key to open a door from the outside, but no badge to open a door from the inside. There are typically intercoms, video cameras, or buzzers available at the main entrance for visitors to contact school staff once school has begun. Visitors are typically required to sign-in.