# HB 3032 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

## **House Committee On Education**

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## WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires school official to notify parents or legal guardians of student who may have been subjected to an act of harassment, intimidation, or bullying. Requires notification occur immediately or within a reasonable period of time depending on level of harm toward student. Changes current requirements on policies school districts must adopt in reporting acts of harassment, intimidation or bullying to include notification of results of investigation and provisions on mental health resources available, as specified. Declares emergency, takes effect on July 1, 2019.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Impact of bullying and harassment on students long term
- Intent to prevent systematic bullying and positively impact students mental health

### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Removes certain provisions related to notification of results. Changes requirement for notification to be necessary if considered applicable.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

ORS 339. 356 requires school districts adopt policies prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying and prohibiting cyberbullying. The policy includes a (1) statement from the school district prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying and prohibiting cyberbullying; statement of the scope of policy; (2) description of expected behavior from students; (3) uniform procedure for reporting inappropriate acts, and other items as identified.