

**HB 2519 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Education**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires institutions of higher education to adopt a policy on hazing and to provide annual training on hazing policies to students. Defines hazing as meaning provided in ORS 163.197. Defines institutions of higher education as an Oregon community college or an Oregon college or university that offers baccalaureate degrees and enrolls students receiving financial aid. Requires institutions to report to Legislative Assembly the number of hazing incidents reported and investigated during the previous academic year by December 31 of each calendar year. Permits one report for multiple institutions, as specified.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

ORS 163.197 defines hazing as subjecting an individual to whipping, beating, striking, branding or electronic shocking, to place a harmful substance on an individual's body or to subject an individual to other similar forms of physical brutality; sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space or other similar activity that subjects the individual to an unreasonable risk of harm or adversely affects the physical health or safety of the individual; compelling an individual to consume food, liquid, alcohol, cannabis, controlled substances or other substances that subject the individual to an unreasonable risk of harm or adversely affect the physical health or safety of the individual; or inducing, causing or requiring an individual to perform a duty or task that involves the commission of a crime or an act of hazing. A student organization or a member of a student organization commits the offense of hazing if, as a condition or precondition of attaining membership in the organization or of attaining any office or status in the organization, the organization or member intentionally hazes any member, potential member or person pledged to be a member of the organization. House Bill 2519 A requires all public and most private institutions of higher education in Oregon to adopt policies, provide training, make legislative reports on hazing.