HB 3409 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits a school district to be a member of an interscholastic organization only if the organization implements policies that address the use of derogatory or inappropriate behaviors by coaches, students, or spectators; maintains a transparent complaint process; develops and implements a sanction system; and performs an annual survey of students and their parents to understand and respond to violations of policies. Establishes requirements for complaint process. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 332.075 permits a school board to authorize the school district to be a member of and pay fees, if any, to any voluntary organization that administers interscholastic activities or that facilitates the scheduling and programming of interscholastic activities. Interscholastic activities include athletics, music, speech, and other similar activities. The Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) is the primary organization for Oregon high school sports and activities. House Bill 3409 permits a school district to join an interscholastic organization only if the organization has specified policies on the use of derogatory or inappropriate behavior at interscholastic activities.