

HB 2191 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Helt

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 02/18/19

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 7-2-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Alonso Leon, Doherty, Helt, Hernandez, Neron, Reardon, Sollman

Nays: 2 - Reschke, Wallan

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/6, 2/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows an absence to be excused by a principal or teacher if the absence is caused by the mental or behavioral health of the student. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Referring to measure as “Chloe’s law”
- Impact of mental health and depression on ability to focus in school
- Stigma in recognizing mental health and depression

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 339.065 allows an absence to be excused by a principal or teacher if the absence is caused by the student’s sickness, the sickness of a family member, or an emergency.

House Bill 2191 allows a student to be excused from school if the absence is caused by the mental or behavioral health of the student.