

## HB 2939 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Education

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**Action Date:** 03/27/19

**Action:** Do pass and be referred to Student Success by prior reference

**Vote:** 9-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 9 - Alonso Leon, Doherty, Helt, Hernandez, Neron, Reardon, Reschke, Sollman, Wallan

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/27

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Youth Development Division (YDD) to develop and administer a statewide youth reengagement system to provide appropriate educational opportunities and access to services for eligible youth. Allows school districts to provide youth reengagement program, and specifies program options. Requires program offer academic instruction for credit, and services for monitoring and supporting youth. Allows school districts to enter into agreement to provide academic instruction or services, as specified. Prescribes criteria for school districts to receive funding from Oregon Department of Education (ODE) for youth participating in program. Requires ODE and YDD to provide technical assistance to districts choosing to provide reengagement programs. Requires State Board of Education and YDD to consult Education and Workforce Policy Advisor, post-secondary institutions, community-based organizations, providers of online courses, and education service districts. Requires that rules provide method for eligible youth to participate in program without participating school district. Establishes requirement that Youth Development Council coordinate and administer the statewide youth reengagement system.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of youth reengagement in schools
- Impact on reducing trauma
- Interest in helping all youth in need of reengagement

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

House Bill 3231 (2013) established the Youth Development Council (YDC) to support Oregon's youth from ages 6-24, develop state policy, and administer funding to community and school-based youth development programs. The Council supports educational success and focuses on crime prevention, while reducing high-risk behaviors. Under ORS 417.855, the YDC allocates funds to counties in order to support local high-risk juvenile crime prevention plans for ages 18 and younger. The Council is supported by the Youth Development Division which provides research and resources.

Youth reengagement refers to reengaging students who have dropped out of grades 9-12 and did not transfer to another school. Reengaging these youth includes reengaging in secondary education, such as earning a high school diploma or GED program, or reengaging in employment or occupational training.

House Bill 2939 directs the Youth Development Division (YDD) to develop and administer a statewide youth reengagement system to provide appropriate educational opportunities and access to services for eligible youth.

