

## SB 786 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Education

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**Action Date:** 04/01/19

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. Refer to Student Success then to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Gelser, Hass, Heard, Thomsen, Wagner

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/1

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs school district to adopt sex trafficking prevention program. Establishes program requirements. Requires school districts to include information that incorporates established protocols for reporting sex trafficking of children. First applies to the 2020-2021 school year. Takes effect July 1, 2020.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Prevalence of sex trafficking among Oregon youth
- Sex trafficking in rural Oregon
- Familial sex trafficking of children for money or drugs
- Importance of prevention and awareness
- Sex trafficking and recruitment by friends
- Importance of training school personnel to understand warning signs
- In Our Backyard program and curriculum
- Cost of program to schools
- Labor trafficking

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Establishes requirements for sex trafficking prevention programs, as specified. Requires school districts to include information that incorporates established protocols for reporting sex trafficking of children.

#### BACKGROUND:

Oregon law defines sex trafficking of a minor as knowingly or recklessly disregarding the fact that the other person is under 18 years of age and will be used in a commercial sex act. These sexual activities may include prostitution, pornography, escort services, massage parlors, and exotic dancing. In recent years, Oregon has been in the national spotlight for human trafficking. In particular, the Portland metropolitan area became known as a hub for sex trafficking, ranking second, after Las Vegas, for the greatest number of children found in forced prostitution among all U.S. cities.

Current law requires school districts to adopt a child sexual abuse prevention program for students in kindergarten through grade 12. Senate Bill 786 A requires school districts to adopt a sex trafficking prevention program.