

HB 2441 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/08/19

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Student Success by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Alonso Leon, Doherty, Helt, Hernandez, Neron, Reardon, Reschke, Sollman

Exc: 1 - Wallan

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/11, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires each school district to provide a coordinated comprehensive school counseling program (program) to support the academic, career, personal, and social development of each student. Establishes positions who can implement program as person licensed by Teacher Standards Practices Commission (TSPC) as counselor, school social worker, or person licensed to implement the program. Allows State Board of Education (SBE) to adopt rules for comprehensive school counseling program. Directs SBE to adopt by rule standards for coordinated comprehensive school counseling programs. Requires SBE to collaborate with TSPC to ensure standards are inclusive while maintaining program quality, providing flexibility in recognition of resources, and annually review standards to ensure adjustments are made to increase inclusivity. Requires TSPC to coordinate with education preparation providers, and other relevant providers, for increasing the inclusivity of qualified persons to implement the program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Work provided by work group during interim
- Flexibility provided for rural school districts
- Concerns expressed with school social workers implementing comprehensive school counseling framework
- Interest in furthering conversation in Joint Committee on Student Success

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Administrative Rule 581-022-2060 indicates that districts/schools must provide a Comprehensive School Counseling program. There is no specific language about who delivers this program. The Comprehensive School Counseling program is outlined in Oregon Department of Education's Framework for Comprehensive School Counseling Programs. The rule indicates that schools identify licensed staff responsible for planning, designing, and delivering the comprehensive program. Districts have used both school counselors and school social workers to provide a Comprehensive School Counseling program.

House Bill 2441 A codifies in statute the requirement that districts provide a coordinated comprehensive school counseling program to support academic, career, personal and social development of students. It establishes in law the positions capable of implementing this program. It directs the State Board of Education to adopt rules on standards for creating this program, and requires they collaborate with the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission.