

HB 2562 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/08/19

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 11-0-0-0

Yeas: 11 - Barker, Bynum, Gorsek, Greenlick, Lewis, McLane, Piluso, Power, Sprenger, Stark, Williamson

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/29, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Education for Title IX enforcement and compliance, sexual harassment prevention, and gender discrimination prevention. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Origins of Title IX
- Positive impact of Title IX on K-12 students
- Understaffing of Title IX personnel at the Oregon Department of Education

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

On June 23, 1972, President Nixon signed Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq., into law. Title IX is a comprehensive federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded education program or activity including K-12 educational programs. The principal objective of Title IX is to end sex discrimination in education programs and to provide individual citizens effective protection against those practices. Title IX applies, with a few specific exceptions, to all aspects of federally funded education programs or activities. Under Title IX sexual harassment is considered to be a form of discrimination. Currently, there is one part-time state Title IX Coordinator at the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) overseeing Title IX enforcement and prevention of gender-based harassment and discrimination for all K-12 schools across Oregon.

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