

HB 4140 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Department of Education to develop a form for public education programs to use when a student has been diagnosed with a concussion or other brain injury by August 1, 2021. Requires the form describe academic accommodations that a public education program may provide for a student diagnosed with such an injury, and requires accommodations be nonmedical. Requires ODE make form available for use by educators, other program employees, students, parents and guardians. Allow State Board of Education to adopt rules necessary for implementation. Requires ODE ensure compliance by August 1, 2021.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current protocol when concussion/brain injury identified
- Flexibility of bill language to assist students in learning after injury

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 348 (2009) passed the Oregon Legislature in response to sports-related concussion injuries as a result of inappropriate treatment and diagnosis. It requires coaches be annually trained to recognize the signs and symptoms of a concussion, along with seeking proper medical treatment. It also requires students not participate in athletic events if they exhibit the signs and symptoms consistent with a concussion or been diagnosed with one. The training does not apply to academic accommodations, or teaching staff working with students post-concussion.