

HB 4098 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Department of Education to develop statewide long-term strategic plan to provide computer science education opportunities to every public-school student by the 2025-2026 school year. Establishes components of statewide plan. Requires the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) convene a work group, with membership as specified. Requires ODE submit a report no later than November 15 of each year to the interim committee of the Legislative Assembly. Specified contents of report. Repeals creation of statewide plan on January 2, 2026. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Requires Oregon Department of Education consult with STEM Investment Council (Council) to develop statewide plan. Requires statewide plan include identifying strategies for aligning computer literacy standards and curricula with computer science courses at colleges and universities. Requires statewide plan include strategies for including computer science and digital literacy courses in the curricula. Specifies work group representation and factors ODE and Council shall consider when developing representation.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Education and the STEM Investment Council have not previously convened a work group for the purpose of developing a statewide plan to provide computer science education opportunities to Oregon students.