



PLEASE VOTE YES ON SB 1522

Senate Bill 1522 makes immediate changes to keep public school students safe. SB 1522 supports Senate Bill 155 from 2019, which deals with alleged sexual conduct towards students by school employees, agents, or volunteers. SB 1522 is a technical fix bill that makes a number of necessary statutory changes to permit school districts to operationalize the requirements of SB 155. For example, SB 1522 updates statutes to guarantee information sharing from the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission and the Oregon Department of Education to school districts, in order to ensure timely implementation of SB 155.

SB 1522 has a “relating to education” clause, and consequently contains a number of targeted, technical fixes to other parts of statutes that govern education. These fixes include: changes to permit charter school employees to draw benefits they have paid for, a one-year fix to address small school funding in light of pre-kindergarten expansion, the addition of Education Service District board members to the statutory list of mandatory reporters, and a technical fix to the implementation timeline for physical education instruction requirements.

The Senate Committee on Education kept the scope of this bill narrow and controlled. The changes in the bill are necessary to operationalize existing statutory requirements for school districts.

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