

HB 4139 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Drazan

House Committee On Education**Action Date:** 02/12/20**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)**Vote:** 7-0-2-0**Yeas:** 7 - Alonso Leon, Doherty, Helt, Hernandez, Neron, Reardon, Sollman**Exc:** 2 - Bonham, Wallan**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Alethia Miller, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 2/12**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires school districts to notify parents or guardians if a person finds the student was subjected to harassment, intimidation, bullying, or an act of cyberbullying. Requires notification take place within a reasonable period of time, or promptly for acts that cause physical harm. Allows parents or guardians to not be notified if the student requests notification not be provided. Applies to acts of harassment, intimidation, bullying, or cyberbullying that occur on or after effective date. Takes effect July 1, 2020.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Amendment development with Basic Rights Oregon
- Ability to make changes in the Senate

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Changes notification to taking place within a reasonable period of time or promptly for acts that cause physical harm. Allows parents or guardians to not be notified if student requests notification not be provided. Effective for acts of harassment, intimidation, bullying, or cyberbullying that occur on or after effective date.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 339.356 requires school districts to adopt policies prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying and prohibiting cyberbullying. The policy must include: (1) a statement from the school district prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying and prohibiting cyberbullying; (2) a statement of the scope of the policy; (3) a description of expected behavior from students; (4) uniform procedures for reporting inappropriate acts, and (5) other items as identified.

House Bill 4139-A requires school districts notify parents or guardian if a person finds the student was subjected to harassment, intimidation, bullying, or an act of cyberbullying. This notification is required within a reasonable period of time, or immediately, following acts causing physical harm toward a student. HB 4139-A allows parents or guardians to not be notified if the student requests that notification not occur.