

HB 2408 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 3/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Education to study how to best meet students' behavioral health needs. Establishes reporting requirements. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Requires Department of Education to establish pilot program to address behavioral health needs of students. Requires Southern Oregon University to develop student behavioral health credentialing program. Establishes program requirements and financing. Appropriates \$100,000 from General Fund for pilot program. Declares emergency effective on passage.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 3427 (2019), the Student Success Act, enacted a corporate activity tax and directed the resulting revenue into the Fund for Student Success. In order to access the new funding, school districts were required to submit a plan for addressing certain student outcomes. As part of the planning process, districts were required to consider how to meet students' mental and behavioral health needs. House Bill 2408 requires the Oregon Department of Education to study how to best meet students' behavioral health needs.