

HB 2962 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires school districts to evaluate instructional needs of students as a result of school closures due to COVID-19. Establishes parameters of evaluation. Requires each district to provide Oregon Department of Education (ODE) with a summary of the evaluation. Requires ODE to produce a statewide summary and report results to legislative committee by September 1, 2021. 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:

-1 Replaces measure. Requires Legislative Policy and Research Office to conduct study to collect and interpret data to enable legislators to understand students' instructional needs caused by school closures. Establishes requirements of study.

BACKGROUND:

On March 12, 2020 Governor Brown directed public schools to remain closed throughout Oregon beginning on March 16, 2020. Schools offered distance learning to students throughout the spring of 2020 and for much of the 2020-2021 school year. Due to the state of emergency, the Governor waived or modified many requirements for school districts. *Ready Schools, Safe Learners* guidance published by the Oregon Department of education detailed the modifications that schools were required to make to their instructional programs and health and safety protocols for the 2020-2021 school year. On March 12, 2021 Governor Brown issued an executive order requiring schools to return to in-person or hybrid instruction by April 19, 2021. House Bill 2962 requires the Legislative Policy and Research Office to study the impact of school closures by considering multiple data sources.