SB 702 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 3/10, 3/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Task Force on Social Studies Standards. Prescribes membership of Task Force. Requires Task Force to review social studies standards and civics education. Establishes reporting requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Social studies courses offered to students
- Limitations and gaps in material covered
- Importance of teaching social studies and civics

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure. Requires State Board of Education to review social studies standards by December 31, 2025. Establishes consultation requirements and considerations.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, Oregon's content standards for K-12 schools are reviewed on a rotating basis by the State Board of Education. Senate Bill 702 establishes a Task Force to review the social studies content standards.